

First Wortham Crude to Go to New Steel Storage Today FOURTH GUSHER OF WEEK COMES IN TODAY

Japanese Warlike Preparations Arouse White Nations

VETERAN SUPPLY MEN STATE ALL RECORDS ARE BROKEN

10 eighty thousand barrel steel storage tanks and 88 fifty five thousand barrel tanks are to be erected in the Wortham field. Most of these are now in course of construction, with the first tank completion to be announced by nightfall when the Humphreys Boyd Oil Company will turn its production from the Simmons lease through the pipe line connections into it on the Carter farm, North of Mexia a few miles. This tank has been completed in record time. Several others will be ready for storage purposes within a few days on this farm.

The capacity of the new tank farms being built for Wortham crude 6,740,000 barrels.

Most of the steel storage is to be 55s, while only two companies will build five 80s each.

The Boyd Oil Company is to lead in this program with fifty 55s, for 2,750,000 barrel.

The Prairie Oil and Gas Company comes next with five 80s and nineteen 55s, for 1,455,000 barrels.

The Humble Oil and Refining Company is third with twenty 55s, for 1,100,000.

Others are:
The E. L. Smith Oil Company, four 55s, for 230,000.

Sun Oil Company four 55s, for 220,000.

Pure Oil Pipe Line Company, four 55s, for 220,000.

Atlantic Oil and Production Company five 80s and two 55s, for 610,000.

Simms Oil Company, five 55s, for 275,000.

The material for the Humphreys Boyd tank farm was ordered before the discovery well came in, and was rolling to Mexia early. Since its arrival work has been speeded up until all tank building records have been shattered. The pipe line is also ready and the first Wortham crude to be stored in tankage built since the discovery of the field less than four weeks ago will be pouring into this reservoir by night.

The supply companies and tank builders are keeping pace with the flood of orders turned loose by the lease owners in recent weeks, and are making deliveries to the field in trainload lots, especially on casing, small pipe, boilers, gas engines and rotary rigs. Veteran officials of major supply companies concede all honors to the Wortham field for breaking previous records on fast development, and no delay will be experienced by the operators by reason of equipment shortage.

TOO MANY SON.

(By United Press)
PARIS, Dec. 18.—Sixty-five pairs of stockings in one month too many for one woman, a Paris court decided, sustaining Frank J. Gould's refusal to pay for that amount of hosiery, charged to him in a month by Edith Kelly Gould his former wife.

THE WEATHER.

Texas—Unsettled, rain and colder.

**ONLY
5
SHOPPING
DAYS
TILL
CHRISTMAS**

MEN AND WOMEN IN NEWS OF THE DAY.



Above: Mrs. ASA G. Candler & ASA G. Candler.
Below: Secy. JOHN W. WEEKS & Secy. CURTIS D. WILSON.

CONTRACT LET FOR \$150,000 CHARCOAL PROCESS PLANT TO RECOVER GASOLINE FROM GAS

Eddie Canter, representing the Gasoline Recovery Plant of Charleston, West Virginia, today closed a contract with the Humphreys Boyd Oil Company for the erection near here of its \$150,000 natural gasoline manufacturing plant.

The industry is to be built on the J. H. Wasson fee land, located a short distance West of the field. The plant will be completed by April 15, and will be equipped to handle 20 million cubic feet of gas daily, and will make use of the charcoal process. The Humphreys Boyd Simmons 1 is producing sufficient gas to provide fuel for 25 drilling tests in the field.

Shallow gas production found at depths from 1,000 to 1,500 feet prevails in spots in the field in addition to the gas from the Woodbine depths. This gives the plant assurance of capacity business.

This charcoal process used in this plant, one of the first in Texas, is commended by all who have seen it in operation. In one experiment in the Mid Continent, in an absorption plant with a capacity of 28,000 gal-

lons of gasoline daily, the waste gas released by that process was passed through the Charcoal process such as the Colonel is installing here and it made 12,000 additional gallons, after the old method had gotten all it could out of the gas.

"The plant will be used to treat our own gas and any others with whom we make contracts," the Colonel stated this afternoon.

S. W. Stockmen Warring on Ticks

(International News Service)
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 18. Southwestern stockmen will meet here Saturday to devise means of eradicating the cattle tick, Judge E. D. Henry, leader of the extermination movement, announced.

The conference is expected to go on record as opposed to the quarantine provision of tick eradication legislation proposed by Governor-elect Miriam A. Ferguson.

Colonel Humphreys Entertains Many Distinguished Guest

Colonel C. P. O'Connor, a veteran and prominent oil man of Denver, is here on a visit with Colonel A. E. Humphreys. Colonel O'Connor was a soldier of note in the World War, in which he won seven distinct service medals including decorations by the Legion of Honor and the D. S. C.

Mrs. A. E. Humphreys arrived today, driving from Dallas to Mexia by auto, accompanied by her brother, Frank Boyd and Bob Stivers of Ripley, Ohio.

On the 20th, Colonel and Mrs. Humphreys will leave for the holidays, which they will spend in Denver.

Five Years For Defrauding by Mail

TEXARKANA, Ark., Dec. 18.—R. A. Cov, convicted by a jury here last night of using the mails to defraud in connection with promotion of alleged fake concerns in the El Dorado and Smackover fields, faced a sentence of five years in prison and a \$1200 fine today.

WOMEN TO TAKE PART IN LEGISLATION

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 18.—Legislation to be sponsored by women's political organizations of the State at the coming session of the Legislature was to be outlined at a meeting of the joint Legislative Council here today. Mrs. Claude De Van Watts, president of the Texas W. C. T. U. was in charge of the session.

SOME ASSERT NO DANGER FACED BY AMERICANS HOWEVER

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The administration is prepared for quick action to head off the resolution calling upon President Coolidge to summon a conference of white nations bordering on the Pacific to organize against Japan, which Representative Britten, Illinois republican, said he would introduce in the House today.

"Japan's open war preparations is the reason the whites surrounding the Pacific should have definite defense policy for mutual protection. The quicker this is done the better," Britten said. High officials deplored as untrue the dangerous statement that Japan is preparing for war. "The feeling between the governments is one of complete friendliness and understanding, despite the efforts of illadvised group in each country to stir trouble," an administration spokesman said.

40 Car Rack Is Being Built On H. & T. C. Lines

The Clayton Oil and Refining Company is going forward rapidly with its 40 car loading rack on the H. & T. C. Railroad between the Manning and Hackney farms in the Wortham district. The company will buy and ship crude to its refinery at Dallas, and is being equipped to handle about 10,000 barrels daily. A reduced freight rate is promised, according to information received here. The Humble Oil and Refining Company, the Pure Oil Company and others will use tank cars to increase their crude shipments from the field.

7,036,000 Barrel Contract Awarded

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Contracts for 7,036,000 barrels of fuel oil were awarded Wednesday by the Fleet Corporation.

The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey was given a contract to furnish 5,340,000 barrels of the amount, of which 4,200,000 barrels are to be delivered at New York at \$1.79 per barrel, 960,000 barrels to Baltimore at \$1.79 and 180,000 barrels to Charleston at \$1.74.

The Mexican Petroleum Company of New York received a contract to furnish 398,000 barrels, 198,000 to be delivered to Jacksonville at \$1.70 and 198,000 to Houston at \$1.50.

The Magnolia Petroleum Company was awarded a contract to furnish 1,300,000 barrels at Beaumont, Magpetco and Sabine at \$1.45 a barrel.

CONGRESS TODAY.

(By United Press)
Senate.
Continues Muscle Shoals debate. Commerce Committee considers Cape Cod canal bill. Mayfield investigation resumes. Underwood Muscle Shoals investigation opens.

House.
Resumes consideration of Navy appropriation bill. Interstate Commerce Committee considers Winslow air navigation bill. Immigration Committee considers Johnson deportation bill. Shipping Board investigation continues.

Judiciary Committee hears chief Justice Taft on appellate jurisdiction Federal courts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The strengthened Senate block opposing the Underwood Muscle Shoals bill opened a fight to prevent a vote before Christmas. LaFollette returned to support the battle.

UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MAN LIES IN CRITICAL CONDITION AS RESULT OF AUTO ACCIDENT

An unidentified white man, approximately 30 years old and about six feet tall, dark hair and eyes lies in a critical condition at the Brown Hospital today as the result of being hit by an automobile shortly after six o'clock this morning.

The accident occurred near 417 N. Ross Avenue as L. A. Farmer, who stated that he was an employee of the Pure Oil Company, was on his way to Wortham. It is reported that the injured man came from behind a

parked automobile and Farmer, who was driving a Ford car was unable to avoid the regrettable accident. The injured man was placed in the hospital before the arrival of the ambulance. Upon examination it was reported that the man suffered a fractured skull and concussion of the brain, at the time of going to press today no information has been received as to his identity. There were no marks of identification in his clothing or upon his body.

100 STILL ARE DISMANTLED BY CORSIANA LAWS

(By United Press)
CORSIANA, Texas, Dec. 18.—One hundred stills were dismantled and sold for junk and 500 gallons of whiskey poured into the sewer by Corsicana police late yesterday. Christmas dinners for prisoners will be bought with proceeds of the still sales.

Office of Justice Of Peace To Be In City Hall Building

S. H. Flake, Justice of the Peace elect for this precinct, will open his office and court room on the second floor of the City Hall building, he stated today.

Mr. Flake takes office on January 1st, and has completed arrangements for this space. The office of the deputies of the precinct will be adjoining the court room on the opposite side from that of the Justice of the Peace.

Pictures To Show In Dallas Theatre Of New Oil Field

According to a communication from James Blair Harris of Dallas, the pictures made in the oil fields Tuesday on the whole are very satisfactory. This feature will be shown an entire week at the Palace Theatre of Dallas, beginning December 27.

DISCOVERY WELLS HOLDING UP WELL

Producing from the Humphreys Boyd Oil Company's Simmons 1, which was brought in on Thanksgiving Day, is above 8000 barrels of oil daily, with an 80-foot bailer lost in the hole. This well is also choked, and shows a pressure of 550 pounds at the choke. The same company's N. B. Boyd 1, which was the first test to show for production on the Wortham structure, and on the extreme lower end of the field, is flowing about 850 barrels of pipe line oil daily, but is agitated frequently to maintain the steady flow.

WANTED OPEN CAR.

(By United Press)
OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 18.—After driving his new expensive sedan a week an Indian returned the car yesterday to Sam Shelbourne, salesman, and traded it for a sport roadster. When asked why he did not like the sedan, the Indian grunted "Can't Split."

SIMMONS NUMBER 4 OF HUMPHREYS- BOYD GUSHES IN

At 10:30 this morning, the Humphreys Boyd Simmons 4 well was added to the production list of the Wortham field. It is the fourth well for the week and also the fourth well of the Humphreys Boyd Company in the less than four weeks old field.

The other Humphreys Boyd producers are the N. B. Boyd 1; (discovery well) the Simmons 1, Thanksgiving day 12,000 gusher and Free-stone County's first oil well; the Simmons 3, which was completed Wednesday for between 9,000 and 10,000 barrels of 41.2 gravity oil. The well today is estimated at being even larger than any of the other wells brought in, two six inch lines being required to take care of the stupendous production which is variously estimated from 12,000 to 20,000 barrels daily. The Humphreys Boyd Oil Company is today piping more than 30,000 barrels daily from its three producers on the Simmons acreage held by this company.

Colonel C. P. O'Connor, a veteran oil man of Denver, who is here a guest of Colonel A. E. Humphreys and Colonel Humphreys were present when the gusher came in. Colonel O'Connor declared that it was the prettiest well he ever saw come in, in very way. The preparations were so complete that there was not two buckets of waste oil, before the gushing production was turned into flow lines, through the separator and on into storage.

At 6 o'clock this evening, the production of this company will be turned into the company's pipe lines to be carried to its completed 55 on the Carter Tank farm which the company is erecting. All of the lines for oil, for water and fuel used by the Humphreys Boyd Company are laid by the Company, which means unit construction and service.

The Company has four other wells going down on its Simmons acreage and about 60 in the entire field, with additional locations being made daily.

Liberty Island Is Made Nat'l Park

(By United Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Fort Wood New York, is now a national monument, under executive order of Pres. Coolidge. That announcement may not cause great interest, but he it known that "Fort Wood" is nothing less than the statue of liberty in New York harbor and the ground on which it stands. The island is better known in the east as "Bedloe's Island."

The Colossus of Rhodes in Asia Minor was one of the seven wonders of the old world. Yet "Liberty" enlightens the world from a height 131 feet above the pedestal, 26 feet higher than the reported height of the fallen wonder.

Production In United States Decreases 1,000

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended December 6 was 1,974,800 barrels, as compared with 1,975,800 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 1,000 barrels. The daily average production east of California was 1,376,800 barrels, as compared with 1,380,300 barrels, a decrease of 3,500 barrels. California production was 598,000 barrels as compared with 595,500 barrels, an increase of 2,500 barrels.

SMITH EDWARDS 1 EXPECTED IN BEFORE DAY IS GONE

E. L. and Blake Smith and R. L. Wheelock, with others of the E. L. Smith Company, are in the field most all the time, where today they expect to witness the completion of the second gusher for this company in the New Wortham field. The Smith Edwards 1, South offset to the Penn McCorkle well, is expected in hourly. The Company has several other drilling operations, numerous leases in the field and extensive royalty holdings, while also it is building a 220,000 barrel tank farm North of Mexia about three miles.

The Pure Oil Company's S. T. Doumas 1 is expected to be an early completion in the Wortham field. This is across the X-All highway between Mexia and Wortham from the Simmons lease on which four gushers are now producing.

The Rio Bravo Company is below 2316 feet and should be in soon. The Mutual Manning 1 is also due in soon.

The next completion for the Boyd Oil Company is expected to be its Manning number 2, which hit the Austin chalk at 2285.

The Gulf Ferguson 1 is making rapid progress below Austin chalk and the J. K. Hughes Developing Company's Crouch 1, touched the chalk at 2235.

The Atlantic Company's Edwards 1 hit the chalk at 2295, five feet lower than the Penn McCorkle 1.

The first completion due for the Humble Oil and Refining Company is its Dadd 1, which touched the chalk at 2323.

The Kirby Wright 1 is expected to be one of the completions of the week. It is now below 2750 feet.

Blizzard Causes Many Accidents

[International News Service] KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 18.—A score of minor accidents as the result of slippery pavements marked Kansas City's first day of near zero weather. Slit and snow accompanied the low temperature and was in frequent rain today.

The cold wave which has delayed the section delaying trains and causing suffering among the poor, clouds, will continue until the end of the week, the weather bureau forecast today.

All of Kansas reported a snow fall of one to two inches and temperatures ranging from four degrees below zero to 29 above.

KIDNAPPED BABY IS RESTORED TO PARENTS

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 18.—Russell Sterling, Jr., two year old son of Girard Manor, Pennsylvania family, kidnapped last June, was restored to his parents today. The baby was kidnapped by a man and woman who rented a hotel room and then disappeared. A description of the child broadcasted, aroused the interest of the Stemmings who identified the infant. The baby was restored by court order.

TEXT BOOK ROW.

[By United Press] AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 18.—Argument of text book representatives for contracts to be let by the State Textbook Commission closed here today. Bids of the various companies were under consideration by the commission and will probably be passed upon tomorrow, it was indicated.

SELECTING STATE SONG.

[By United Press] AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 18.—Selection of a Texas State song from approximately three hundred compositions submitted for the \$1,000 prize offered by Governor Neff was scheduled to get under way at the Governor's office here today. Fifteen persons constituted the committee, which will make the selection, the bill placed before the Legislature for formal addition as the State song.

WANTED—One small second hand cash register; must be priced right. See U. H. Morgan at News office.

FOR SALE A Light Ford Truck

Built to live in, will be in Mexia 3 days—the best cash offer gets it. See—
EARL THOMAS
at Opera House

Wonderful New American Wing of Metropolitan Museum of Art; Historical Backgrounds For Priceless Early American Exhibits



Front of New American Wing in Central Park, New York, as reconstructed, Stone by Stone, From the Old U. S. Assay Office.

Carefully selected exhibits of early American household furnishings and decorations placed in rooms which, in many cases, are installed with the actual old oak beams, woodwork, walls, ceilings, window casings, and doors of rare old original rooms dating from early colonial times, will be shown to the American public shortly.

They will be contained in the New American Wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Central Park, New York City.

The region covered by the rooms of which there will be eighteen extends practically from the northern to the southern boundaries of the territory embraced by the thirteen original states.

The new American wing which will be exclusively devoted to American industrial and other art of the Colonial, Revolutionary, and Republican periods is the gift of President Robert W. de Forest of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and his wife, Emily Johnston de Forest.

It is hoped and believed that a time goes on many patriotic-minded Americans who have objects of genuine early American historical interest from the region described may make contributions or loans to the collection.

The new American wing is a handsome three story structure. Its front is that of the old United States Assay Office (Branch Bank) which formerly stood at 15 Wall Street, New York, and was erected one hundred years ago. After it was dismantled the true stone were re-assembled stone by stone in the American wing.

Starting on the third floor you will see rooms of the early colonial type, heavy unadorned beams, low ceilings, thick walls. Those were days when two or three rooms constituted a home, often with ten or twelve children. You may see the old chair credited to Peregrine White who was born on the Mayflower. Peregrine was the youngest of the two children of Susanna White. Edward Winslow's wife died in that first terrible winter after the Mayflower's arrival and he joined hands with the widow White before Governor Bradford, and they were married.

The famous old ball room in Gadsby's Tavern at Alexandria, Va., erected in 1793 where General and Mrs. George Washington were feasted on his birthday celebration February 22nd, 1798, and where Lafayette dined has been brought into this new wing. Every inch is the identical wood used through out the construction of the historic old ball room. The windows and musicians' gallery are placed in their exact location. In short the ball room has been placed to the museum just as though it were bodily raised and carried to New York. This is characteristic of nearly every other room and exhibit in the new wing.

Among rare and valuable collections are the famous Bolles Collection of early American furniture largely of the 17th and 18th centuries and the Palmer Collection of a little bit later date which shows the gradual evolution of interior decoration. Clearwater Collection of Silver, Charles the Second Pewter, Cromwellian Pewter, Collection of Dutch Tiles by Mrs. Frederick Allen, and other famous relics.

The exhibits, as a whole, follow the development of the American decorative and utilitarian arts. It was necessary to dig for many of the fireplaces and to carefully scrape the dirt from the bricks so as to get the color and in many instances it was necessary to reproduce. But only an expert can detect reproduction.

The American wing will teach present and future generations of Americans that the men to whose struggles they owe the foundation of the American Commonwealth were refined to their tastes and by no means indifferent to beauty.

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The Best—
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It may be turkey or it may be chicken—but that alone is not sufficient!

The celery, peas, turnips, sweet potatoes and others are the side dishes that make the dinner a complete success—even that alone is not sufficient!

When one can buy these essentials well knowing that all is fresh—and the best the market affords—and the price is moderate—then and only-then should one be satisfied!

To come and see the well stocked shelves at Wilson & Beene's with their prevailing prices—that is sufficient!

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England To Build Two Huge Airships

[International News Service] LONDON, Dec. 17.—"The American 'Los Angeles' is a baby airship." The gallant American craft is dwarfed by comparative insignificance by the two mammoth Leviathans of the air which Great Britain is to start building next July—mammoth airships to become the twin flagships, perhaps, of the new British air navy.

One of these gigantic dirigibles—each of a gas capacity exceeding 5,000,000 cubic feet—is known as the R-100, the other as the R-101.

To expedite the work so that the trial voyages may be made as soon as possible, voyages to Egypt or Australia or possibly New York, the construction of the ships has been carefully subdivided, the R-100 being designed by a private firm in Howden, Yorkshire, the R-101 by the air ministry itself at Cardington.

So far actual construction cannot begin because no sheds big enough to house these great grey monsters has ever been built.

Both the R-100 and the R-101 to be designed as sister ships, will be as nearly identical as practicable, according to information furnished by the Air Ministry. Each will exceed in displacement and length far and away any other known air vessel.

The R-101, it has already officially announced, will be 720 feet in length 110 feet in height, 130 feet in diameter, and will be driven by seven engines of 600 horse power each, burning crude fuel oil instead of petrol. The displacement—5,000,000 cubic feet—is not considered excessive in view of the magnitude of the other dimensions. It is expected the specifications for the R-100 will be closely similar.

If the airships are to be used for commercial purposes, accommodations can be provided each for 100 passengers, separate sleeping accommodations being in the form of two-berth cabins on a separate deck from the living and smoking quarters. The cruising radius will be practically unlimited, with a 2,500 mile trip to Egypt a mere week-end jaunt.

The following will be the journey times of the R-101 on her empire flights:

Egypt—2½ days.
India—5 to 6 days.
Australia—10 days.
Cape Town—5½ days.
Canada—3 days.

In case commercial use brings it to New York, it is thought the engines of the R-101 may make the 3,000 mile trip across the Atlantic in slightly in excess of 48 hours.

Naturally, an immense amount of subsidiary work is necessary before actual construction on these vessels can begin. First of all there is the matter of sheds—adequate housing for the mammoths as they are being built and permanent hangars for them when completed. Two large sheds are now under construction at Howden, while at Cardington the present huge shed is being enlarged. Another shed is to be erected in India and possibly a third one at some intermediate point.

When it is completed the Cardington shed will be 812 feet long. If the Wingle tower in Chicago should topple over, this shed would house it in comfort, with plenty of space to spare. It could hold upwards of 100,000 people, so that most of the entire population of say, Fall River, Mass., could easily find enhance over 3,500 tons of steel have so far been used in its construction.

There is again the matter of mooring masts.

One of these masts, 180 to 200 feet high, is to be erected shortly at Cardington, one in India, and, as in the case of the sheds, possibly another at some middle point, probably Egypt. The masts will be of steel lattice, equipped with elevators and pipe ladders for fuel.

Details about the twin giants came with the official announcement of the air ministry in regard to the R-101, Sir Samuel Hoare, the present Air Minister revealed the substance of his plans.

Christmas Spirit Is Again Here

Dear Friend:

The spirit of Christmas is again with us. The children and their parents are making plans for its proper celebration.

Thousands of school children in Texas unfortunately are unable to enjoy to the full the Christmas season, because of bad health and deformities of one kind and another which often could have been prevented by a medical examination.

One of the most important functions of the Texas Public Health Association has been the campaign which we have carried on for the examination and inspection of school children by physicians and nurses. Much tuberculosis and other disease has been prevented by this method and by the daily practice of health habits through the Modern Health Crusade.

From experience, I realize how many duties the teacher has. At the same time, I appreciate that if the next generation of Texas citizens is to have better health than the present generation, it will be because the children in the schools are taught those things which their parents were not taught. For this reason, I am enclosing, herewith, 500 Christmas seals which sell for one cent each. Will you not be good enough to sell as many as you can, using them on your own mail, and have the children assist you as you think best?

Before the holidays, please let me have your remittance for the seals sold and return those unsold to me. I shall be glad to send a Double-Barred Cross pin to each child who sells 25 or more seals. This pin is the recognized emblem of the world-wide fight against tuberculosis.

I am counting on your assistance and that of your pupils, and am sure that I will not be disappointed.

With the season's heartiest greetings, I am

Very cordially yours,
D. E. Breed,
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H. A. Wroe, Treasurer.

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62½x115 ft. lot with 6 room furnished house, close in on pavement on McKinney St.

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DUPLEX APARTMENT, furnished, Rusk and Canton Streets.

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BRAND NEW HOME on Ross Avenue. Lot 52½x136 ft., six rooms, bath and all modern conveniences; double garage, concrete driveway, on pavement.

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65 ACRES adjoining Mexia, on the North on Mexia-Wortham Pike.

100 FT. FRONT on southeast Ross Avenue, Ross and Main.

50 FT. FRONTING on the Northeast corner of Ross and Commerce.

ARDMORE HOTEL, completely furnished.

60 ACRES, three miles East of Mexia, on Teague pike, well improved.

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McLendon Building

Make reservations through Mr. Wilson at Diamond Jewelry Co., Phone 434.

LEAN RAZORBACK SENDS THREE HOUSTONIANS TO BED

[By United Press]
HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 17.—A lean razorback hog, unassisted, put three men in a Houston hospital Tuesday night.
A motor car carrying eight bridge builders was derailed and overturned when it struck a pile of rock on the track near Hardin, fifty miles east of here. The rock pile was the result of industrious rooting by the hog, according to three badly injured men brought here for treatment. Charles Peddy, 21, of Slinger, La.; A. J. Mitchell, negro, Kingsville, Tex., and G. D. Daugherty, negro, Diquincy, La., were rushed to Houston on a passenger train shortly after the accident. Five other occupants of the motor car were slightly injured. The hog had gone about his business before the wreck occurred.

COMMITTEE SELECTS WACO FOR LUTHERAN COLLEGE

The committee to select the site for the Lutheran College in Texas favor Waco as the home of the institution. Mexia was one of the seven places to make a bid for the institution and although Mexia bid more cash and campus acreage than any other place, according to statements made at the time of the bidding, it was never thought that this city was likely to get the college, there being no Lutheran church here.

News Classified Ads get results.

STOPS THE COLD AND PREVENTS COMPLICATIONS

Relief Between Sun-down and Sun-up With New Pepsin and Calomel Treatment That Regulates Liver and Aids Digestion.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little boy all year. Please bring me an English notebook already copied. I would like to have another circus tie, some million shoes and some shirts with collars on them to wear to school. Don't forget my good school teachers, Miss Whitaker, Miss Greene, and Mr. Andrews. Please bring me a little gold football, like all the big boys have, and a pair of knee pads.
Your little friend,
Doyle Perkinson.

Dear Santa Claus:
I'm a real good little boy. I wear my collar buttoned and a neck tie to school.

Please send me "How to Play Football," a bottle of Glo-co, a short cut to chemistry, how to court and win hearts, an electric train and track, a wagon, some candy and a few other things.
Lovingly,
Dick Buford.

P. S. Come in window as my room has neither stove nor fireplace.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a nice little girl and am a Senior in high school. I have been awfully good, Santa, and I want you to bring me a big sleeping doll and a carriage which I can ride in, a tricycle, a pair of nice red shoes, a lot of candy and a whole lot of nuts.
Lovingly,
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Walter Klue Boyd.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a pair of skates and a train. Please remember the other little boys and girls.
Helton Allen.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 4 years old, please bring me a doll with shoes and stockings on and a tricycle, fruits and candy. Don't forget my Daddy for he has been good to give me nickles. Your little friend,
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Dear Santa:
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a doll, a little doll euggy. Bring me a little red dress with little rabbit on it and lot of fruits, nuts and candy,
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be sure and remember my little brother. Yours lovingly,
NORA SOUTHWELL.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl three years old. Won't you please come to see me Christmas and bring me a doll, doll buggy. A little bed and some dishes, also fruits, nuts and candy. That's all this time. Lovingly,
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Groner introduced a \$1,800,000 1925 budget for adoption. It provides general board and mission appropriations.

[By United Press]
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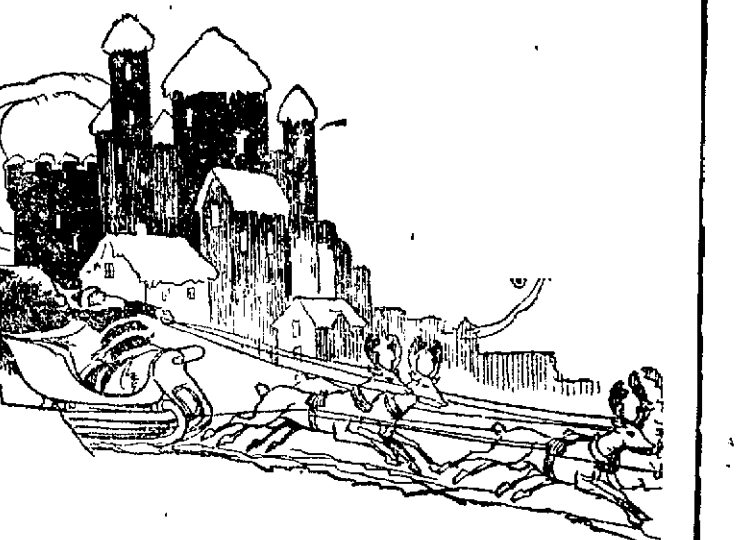
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A SERVICE OF SIGNIFICANCE

A new service of far-reaching importance to the cities of Texas will be begun early in the New Year, by the League of Texas Municipalities as a result of the trip of R. D. Jackson, executive secretary of the League, and head of the division of government research at the University of Texas, to Lawrence, Kansas, where a national convention of secretaries of state municipal leagues was held, Dec. 12 and 13.

This service will consist, in the main, in the revision and codification of the ordinances of member cities of the league, the work to be done at nominal cost. There are at present 68 cities in Texas eligible to receive the service.

The new Texas system will closely follow that now in effect in Kansas and a number of other northern states.

"In most of our small Texas towns," said Mr. Jackson, "the ordinances, drawn up and passed by innumerable succeeding city officials, are badly in need of overhauling. Some ordinances are out-of-date; many are duplicates of earlier ones; occasionally a very important one has been lost; and a large number are in a hopeless legal form."

"The new system to be offered Texas cities," he continued "will work like this: A town will send the Bureau of Government Research at the University its complete book of ordinances. The bureau will then go through these carefully, will eliminate duplication, will codify, criticize and offer suggestions. In some cases, model ordinances will be submitted. The whole will be indexed and cross-indexed."

"The effect of this will be to simplify and to standardize all of the ordinances in the municipalities of Texas. There is especial need for this in the smaller towns."

At the Kansas meeting, a national association of secretaries of state municipal leagues was formed, Texas thus becoming one of the charter members. The following states are represented at present in the new organization: Texas, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Colorado, Illinois, Virginia and Indiana. Morris B. Lambie, executive secretary of the Minnesota League of Municipalities, was elected president.

HIGH SCHOOLS GIRLS WORKING DILIGENTLY

The High School girls of the gymnasium classes have been working diligently the past two weeks on their exhibition which is to be given on the night of December 19. They are determined to make a success of it and give to the public a big surprise in some of the spectacular feats that they can perform. The program consists of gymnastic exercises, stunts and folk dancing. It is in keeping with the Christmas spirit and is entirely different from

the one given by the girls last year. Come boost better health and good sportsmanship as a result of gymnastic training. We shall appreciate your cooperation and guarantee that every body will go away well pleased.

C. N. Wakefield returned to his home in Coolidge Thursday after having undergone an operation for gangrenous appendicitis operation at the Brown Hospital here.

E. J. Moran of Dallas was in this city Monday.

Evelyn Thaw to Fight for Son's Name



RUSSELL THAW

Efforts of Harry Thaw to secure a reconciliation with his divorced wife, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, who is now running a cabaret in Atlantic City, N. J., having failed, the former Mrs. Thaw has announced her intention of fighting to secure the millions for her son, Russell, shown here in his latest photograph, whose parentage Thaw has steadfastly denied.

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When Humphreys came to our town A few short years ago, We hardly dreamt of such renown As we were soon to know; We never thought Mexia then Would ever come to be The Mecca for the countless men Whom daily now we see.

When Humphreys came to our town, From some far distant state, Perhaps good judgment sent him down, Perhaps the hand of Fate; Perhaps it was a brilliant dream That urged his spirit on,

But in his wake a brighter gleam Has blessed Mexia's dawn.

We now have seen Mexia's star Reach such majestic heights That famous men have journeyed far To see her wondrous sights; And bursting forth from far below Her rolling sandy soil The golden gulfs now seethe and flow A boundless wealth of oil.

When Humphreys came to our town The second time he came— Then everything had quieted down And almost gone the flame; But now he's sent our magic star To new and greater heights And men are coming from afar To see the wondrous sights.

Dr. H. C. Maxwell will leave Thursday afternoon for El Paso for a few days, his wife is ill at that place.

Bert Hollister is ill in the Brown Hospital, it is reported he has a case of flu. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

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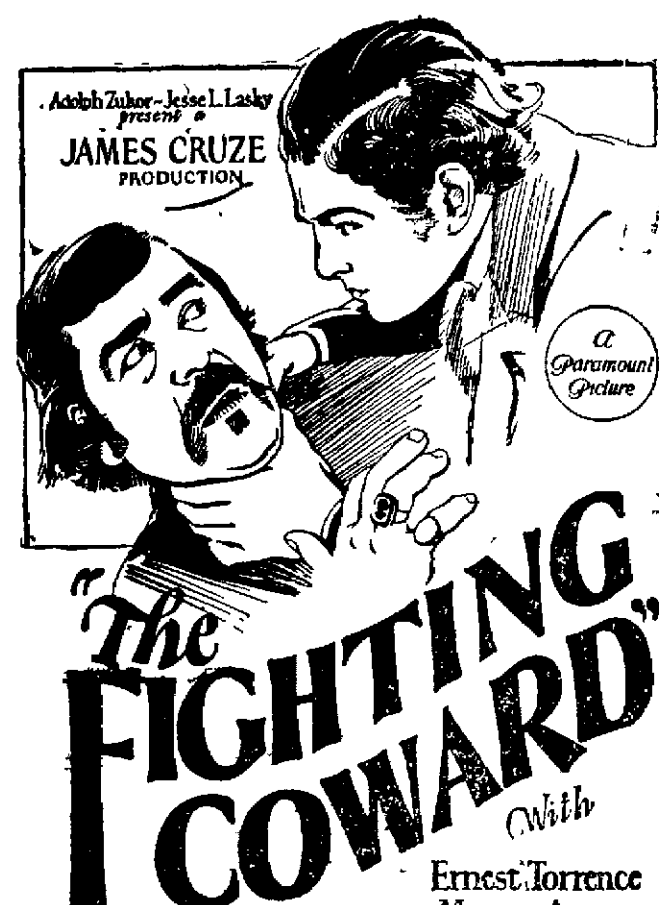
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DOVE OF PEACE HOVERS OVER BIG BALL LEAGUE

By EDWARD C. DEER.

United Press Staff Correspondent.
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The dove of peace hovered over the joint meeting of baseball's two major leagues here today and tried desperately to make a landing. If it fails, organized baseball is due for a terrific shake-up with either Commissioner Landis or Ben Johnson, president of the American League, stepping down and out.

The first effort at peace is to be made shortly before the joint meeting is called at 11 o'clock. "The peace committee" of the American circuit, composed of Colonel Jacob Ruppert of the New York Yankees, Tom Shibe of the Athletics and E. S. Barnard, of Cleveland, will call on Landis and try to "smooth over" the recent attacks made on the commissioner by Ben Johnson. If this move fails, the storm will break loose in the meeting itself.

Landis, who was hailed as the "savior of baseball," when he took the reins four years ago, faces beyond a doubt his greatest crisis. Johnson stormed his disapproval when Landis permitted the "tainted" New York Giants to enter the world series with Washington last fall and although both major leagues as well as the minors adopted resolutions of confidence in Landis when they met in the East, the baseball commissioner likely will demand in effect that "Johnson get out or shut up." The lobby of a big downtown hotel was all cluttered up this morning with baseball's club owners, managers, coaches, scouts and some players. While the Landis Johnson war was the chief topic of conversation, there was considerable talk of trades.

Negotiations between the Yankees and St. Louis Browns for a pitcher trade may be completed today. The Yankees are offering Joe Bush and another player, probably Whitey Witt—for Urban Shocker, ace of the

Browns' mound staff. George Sisler, manager of the St. Louis club, is understood to be willing to part with Shocker, but he wants more valuable material in exchange.

The Chicago Cubs will reopen negotiations for a hard hitting right handed outfielder and will talk business with the Giants and the Cincinnati Reds.

Nairators Club Has Interesting Meeting Tuesday

The Nairators, the boys club of the High School, held their annual Christmas festival in the auditorium of the school Tuesday afternoon, having several favorites on the program.

Delightful readings were given by Miss Clara Belle Bybee and Miss Betsaye Walters, who are always a welcome addition to any program. Mrs. Strange sang "A Friend" in a most pleasing manner. Mrs. Denning was the pianist. These artists are especial favorites of the Boy's Club.

Supt. C. A. Puckett, a representative Rotarian gave a short address on "The Christmas Spirit." He emphasized the pleasure that comes from giving, and urged the club at this time to spread cheer and happiness by giving in a large measure.



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Miss Lola Cochrum rendered a violin solo accompanied by Miss Opal Hale. Both are High School students and were enthusiastically received.

The crowning event of the afternoon was the personal experiences given by Miss Ouida Wildman, a movie star, formerly a student here but now connected with the Hal Roach Studios in Hollywood. Miss Wildman was at her best and told about how films were made, of her experiences in going on location in the High Sierras, of encounters with wild animals; escapes from a movie pirate ship adrift. In answer to

questions she told of many movie stars she had met and of the plays in which she was featured. Miss Wildman was glad to be back among her old schoolmates and showed it, they in turn were thrilled to have her as their guest.

Miss Leta Mae McCravy presented the club with a wonderful box of chocolates that were thoroughly enjoyed by the members and guests.

George Blitch, by request, sang "Yes We Have No Bananas" in Spanish.

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Another Arrest In Shawnee, Okla. Bank Robbery

(International News Service)
FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 17.—A youth police say is James T. Over-

street was under arrest here today in connection with the recent robbery of the Federal National Bank at Shawnee, Okla., in which a bandit trio obtained \$18,000.

More than \$800 was found in the youth's possession, detectives said. He was arrested on advice of Shawnee police who telephoned his description to Fort Worth.

Shawnee officials were expected

here today to complete identification.

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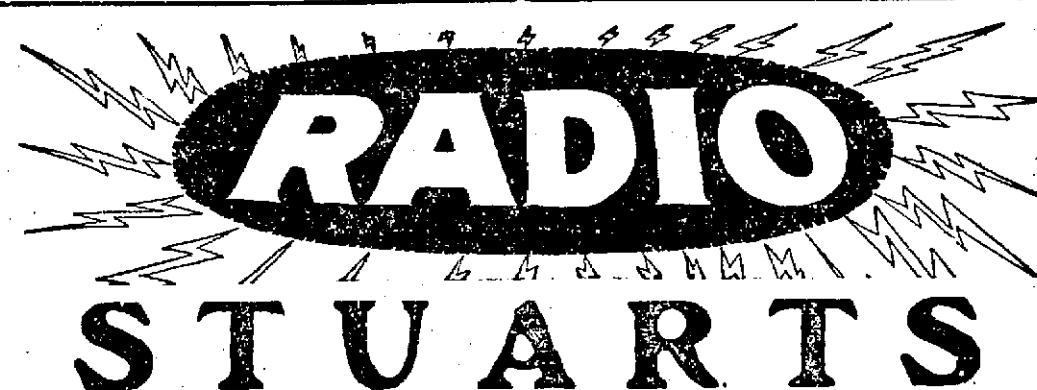
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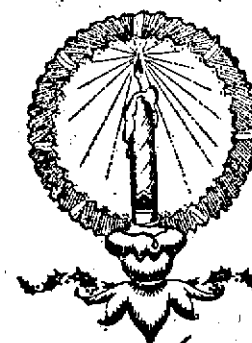
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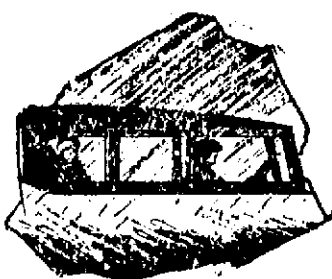
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BLAST OF WINTER HITS MIDDLE WEST COMING SOUTH

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 17.—The coldest weather of the winter so far had this section in its grip today.

Near zero temperatures were reported from Kansas and from Western Missouri. Sleet accompanied the storm which struck Kansas City yesterday, sending the mercury down to 10 above shortly after midnight.

Snow and colder was today's forecast by the weather bureau.

Trains from the West were reported several hours late.

Suffering was acute among the city's poor.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The sub-zero weather of the Northwest is slowly working its way east and south and should strike as far east as Ohio today, the Weather Bureau here stated.

It is from 20 to 40 degrees below zero in North Dakota, Montana and the Canadian provinces, according to reports.

Sharp drop in temperatures was reported throughout the Middle West.

C. I. A. HOLIDAYS
EXTENDED TO JAN. 5TH.

DENTON, Texas, Dec. 18.—Christmas holidays for students at the College of Industrial Arts have been extended from January 2 to January 5, 1925, according to an announcement made here today. Registration day, it was discovered, had been set for Friday, thereby permitting but one class day for the remainder of the week. Under the new ruling, registration will be conducted Monday, January 11.

Wheat Report Is Discredited By British Buyer

[By United Press]
LONDON, Dec. 17.—The widely believed report that six known men control the world's wheat supply was discredited by Sir Herbert Robson, British government wheat buyer, who today appeared as the principal witness before Sir Aukland Geddes' royal commission investigating food prices. It is impossible, Robson said. The amount of money required would be too vast a quantity and the feat too enormous.

THIRD PAYMENT MADE TO SCHOOLS

To All County and Independent District Depositories:

I am pleased to transmit warrant for the third payment on the school-lease per capita apportionment for the year 1921-1922. You recall that the entire apportionment was \$14 and this payment of one dollar makes a total of four dollars paid leaving \$10 to be paid after January 1st. Owing to the large amount of money required for the purchase of new text books, as a result of the adoption of 1922, we have transferred \$1,500,000 from the school fund for that purpose and yet are in as good financial condition as we were Jan. 1, 1922.

Including this payment on the apportionment and the payment for text books, we have disbursed since Sept. 1, 1921, \$6,785,400 which would not have been possible had not the text book litigation of 1922-1921 caused a very economical administration of the free text book law. You may expect to receive the remainder of the ten dollars by May 1, 1925.

We are now engaged in selecting text books for 1925-1926. If the Text Book Commission will be conservative in making contracts and the Thirty-ninth Legislature liberal

toward public education, the state apportionment for 1925-1926 should not be less than fifteen dollars.

I am enclosing a leaflet containing my educational program to which I wish to direct your special attention.

With the compliments of the season, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
S. M. N. MARRS,
State Superintendent.

EXCITEMENT RUNS HIGH OVER WACO-OAK CLIFF GAME

Coaches Tyson and Bernhauser are working every afternoon until after dark on those Waco Tigers, in preparation for the high school championship game with Oak Cliff at the Fair Park stadium at Dallas next Saturday. Bernhauser is working the kinks out of the Waco line and expects to put forth a stone wall against the strong Oak Cliff delegation, while Paul Tyson will open up a series of offensive plays not witnessed on a high school gridiron this season.

In case the game is played on a muddy field the odds will be heavily in favor of the Oak Cliff Leopards. The Tigers would have a very slim chance to win over their heavy opponents. Most sport seibes give the Dallas boys a little edge over the Waco eleven but we believe Waco will show their old form and make just enough scores to win the championship.

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"Bo" McMillan Has Resigned As Head Coach at Centenary

"Bo" McMillan, one of the most talked of players of a few years ago has resigned as head coach at Centenary College at Shreveport, according to reports. McMillan made an unparalleled record on the gridiron when he led the Praying Colonels of Centre College to victory over some of the strongest teams in the country.

McMillan's three year contract expired on December 5th, and he was awaiting a new offer from Centenary. A meeting of the board of trustees of the college held on Thursday and Friday failed to agree on a new contract for McMillan when he asked to be relieved of any further duties with the school's athletic program.

McMillan would not say Saturday night what his plans for the future are.

During his three years at Centenary Bo has lost but one game each season. He developed one of the best teams in the country and won high ratings both from Southern and Eastern experts.

Frank Tucker and wife were here from Lubing Thursday.

HONORING GOMPERS.

[By United Press]
DENVER, Colo., Dec. 18.—40,000 union men and women of Colorado stood with heads bowed for one minute at the time of the funeral of Samuel Gompers, dead president of the American Federation of Labor, who was buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Tarrytown, N. Y. today (Thursday).

The tribute was included in an order contained in a proclamation issued by Earl H. Hoag, president of the state federation.

SO THEY EAT IT.

[By United Press]
COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 18.—Down town restaurants here have begun serving crossword puzzles with the dessert. Hostesses who developed the idea said it made a hit, especially with guests dining alone.

Mrs. R. A. Parker is in Dallas. She will be joined there by Mr. Parker the latter part of the week when they will meet their daughter Miss Dorothy who is returning from school at Ward-Belmont to spend the

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Christmas holidays with her parents here. They will return to Mexia Sunday at noon.

Mrs. R. B. Bass will go to Dallas Saturday morning to meet her daughter, Miss Miriam who arrives in Dallas Sunday morning from Randolph-Macon Woman's college at Lynchburg, Virginia. They will arrive here Sunday where Miss Miriam will spend the holidays with her parents.

C. O. Johnson of Hutto, Texas was in the city Thursday.

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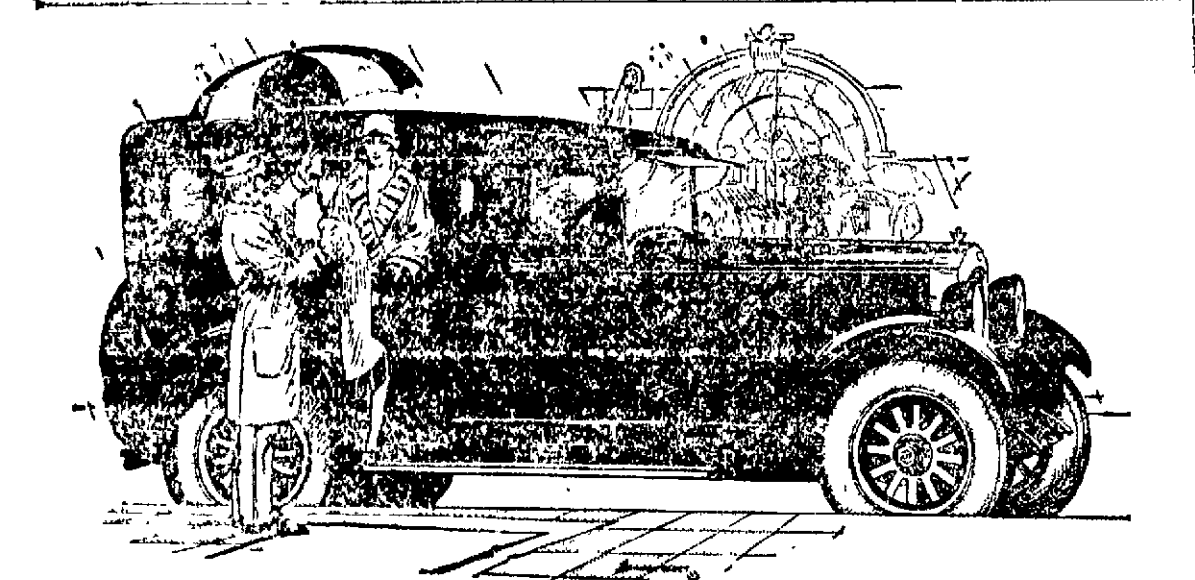
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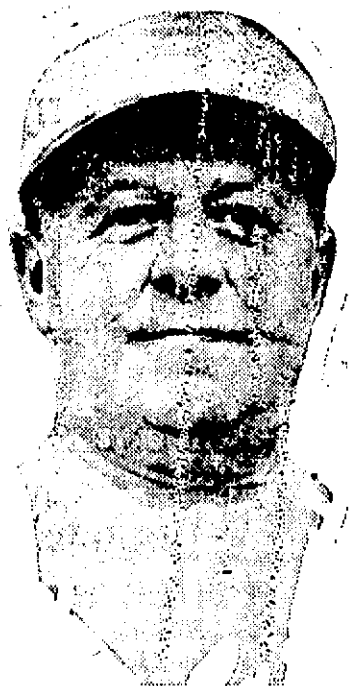
Wortham Field Is Yet Price Fixer In Mid Continent

(The Oil Weekly)

Convincing evidence that the Wortham field will shortly assume the role of being the largest source of production in the country was offered during the past week when two new completions added five thousand feet of productive territory, making the field practically proven for a stretch of about 15,000 feet. These two wells added 15,000 barrels of new production, and are the first completions made since the companion discovery wells were brought in late last month by the Humphreys-Boyd Oil Company. A fifth well is in process of completion and the present 23,000 barrels of production in the field will undoubtedly climb steadily until the flush is exhausted from the Woodbine sand pay.

The completion of the Penn well on the east side of Wortham Saturday from the second Woodbine sand after testing dry in the regular pay has enhanced the possibilities of Wortham as a disturbing factor in the Mid-Continent crude market, and both crude and refined products reflected softer markets early this week. Until Wortham is drilled up, a raise in crude prices is not to be expected, and producers in other high gravity fields are again selling their crude as produced rather than to hold it in storage for a price advance. This practice is contributing to a softer crude market in North Texas, as many of the producers withdrew their crude from the market during November in expectation of higher prices, but the threat offered by Wortham has materially reduced the possibilities of an early crude advance. Premium offers made during the past week by independent refiners in North Texas for spot crude have been reduced from 10 to 15 cents per barrel, and sales fell off towards the close of the past week. Quotations on refined products have also softened since the outbreak at Wortham, and gasoline prices have been reduced from one-quarter to one-half cent per gallon on some grades. Most of the refiners are contracted over the balance of the year for their gaso-

Wilbert Robinson Is at Verge of Death



WILBERT ROBINSON

"Uncle" Wilbert Robinson, veteran manager of the Brooklyn club of the National League, is at the verge of death from pneumonia and complications at his home in Baltimore, Md.

line output, and are making concessions on deliveries for January.

Since the life of flush production of fields in the East Central Texas fault region is comparatively short, with wells flowing only about 30 days when drainage has set in, the major companies are bent on filling their tankage and lines in the Wortham field. Connections are being solicited by all seven of the major carriers, while independent buyers are invading the field for crude to be shipped out in tank cars.

Quite a large number attended the dance given at the Pure Oil Company Club House Wednesday night, many coming from neighboring towns. Bill Franklin's orchestra from Chicago were greatly appreciated. This orchestra will play in Groesbeck Saturday night at the opening of the new county Court House.

W. E. Plant of Waco was a business visitor Thursday.

Rev. J. W. W. Shuler, Presiding Elder from Vernon, Texas and father of Bob Shuler the well known evangelist, is in Mexia visiting his daughter Mrs. W. Duke Pittman on Kaufman Street. B. Boyles from Whitney, Texas is also the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Duke Pittman.

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Laten Stanberry, Chief Clerk of the Railroad Commission and his Secretary Miss Rose Modrall returned to Austin Wednesday night.

W. E. LaFon, manager of the Hurdleston Hotel has gone to Taylor, Texas for a few days on business.

J. R. Diamond was here from Corsicana Wednesday.

J. M. Zuber of Dallas was in the city Thursday.

H. B. Weatherby was here from Houston Thursday.

Harry Byers was here from Lufkin today.

F. F. Daugherty was here from Jacksonville Thursday.

Paul Mathews was a business visitor from Hutto, Texas Thursday.

S. P. Brown of Houston was here Thursday on business.

M. Lewis was here from Houston Wednesday.

J. N. Martin of Fort Worth was a business visitor today.

F. E. Davidson was here from Ranger today.

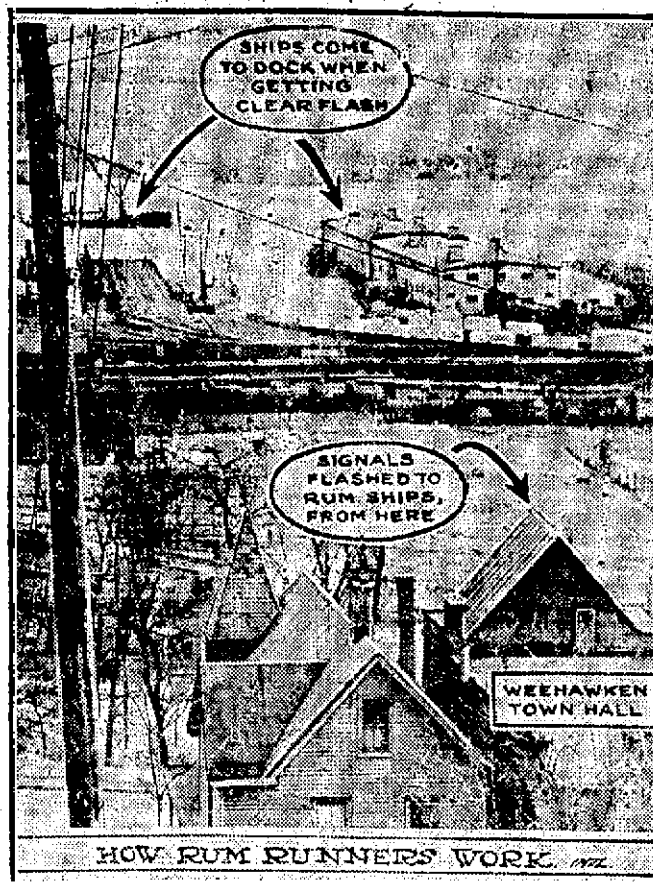
W. B. Muse was a business visitor from Dallas Thursday.

H. H. Bailey of Electra was in Mexia Wednesday.

M. W. Gray was here from Fort Worth Thursday.

J. C. Wynne is here from Wichita Falls.

GRAFTING POLICE SIGNAL RUM RUNNERS



Above is a photographic illustration showing how as much as \$50,000.00 worth of liquor has been illicitly landed at Weehawken, N. J., where grafting policemen are alleged to have worked hand-in-glove with the smugglers. At the right is the town hall of Weehawken, from the balcony of which a signal light was flashed when the police, with unusual daring, had actually cleared the streets of traffic so the liquor could be landed and transported in safety. The rum boats would then run in the docks shown and unload their cargoes. It is even alleged policemen aided in the actual unloading. Many indictments already have been returned.

J. Frank Hudson went to Dallas today for a few days visit.

S. E. Haddox was here from Wichita Falls Wednesday.

D. S. McFadden of Wichita Falls was a business visitor Thursday.

H. E. Roberts was here from Houston Thursday.

R. R. Porter was a business visitor from Austin Thursday.

J. J. Manning was a visitor from Palestine Tuesday.

F. M. Warren was here from Waco Tuesday.

W. E. Bryan was here from Big Lake today.

J. F. James was a visitor from Dallas Tuesday.

Harry Byers was here from Lufkin today.

Geo. Rose was a business visitor from Houston Monday.

W. H. Payne was here from Dallas Tuesday.

A. E. Watkins of Houston was here today.

C. C. Miller was a visitor from Houston Tuesday.

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BIG PULP WOOD OFFER.

(By United Press)
WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 18.—Forty thousand square miles of pulp wood land in Manitoba will be sold to the highest bidder by the federal department of lands to encourage the development of the paper and pulp industry in Western Canada, according to an official announcement here. The timber limits which run along the east side of Lake

Winnipeg, constitute practically all the pulp wood in the province.

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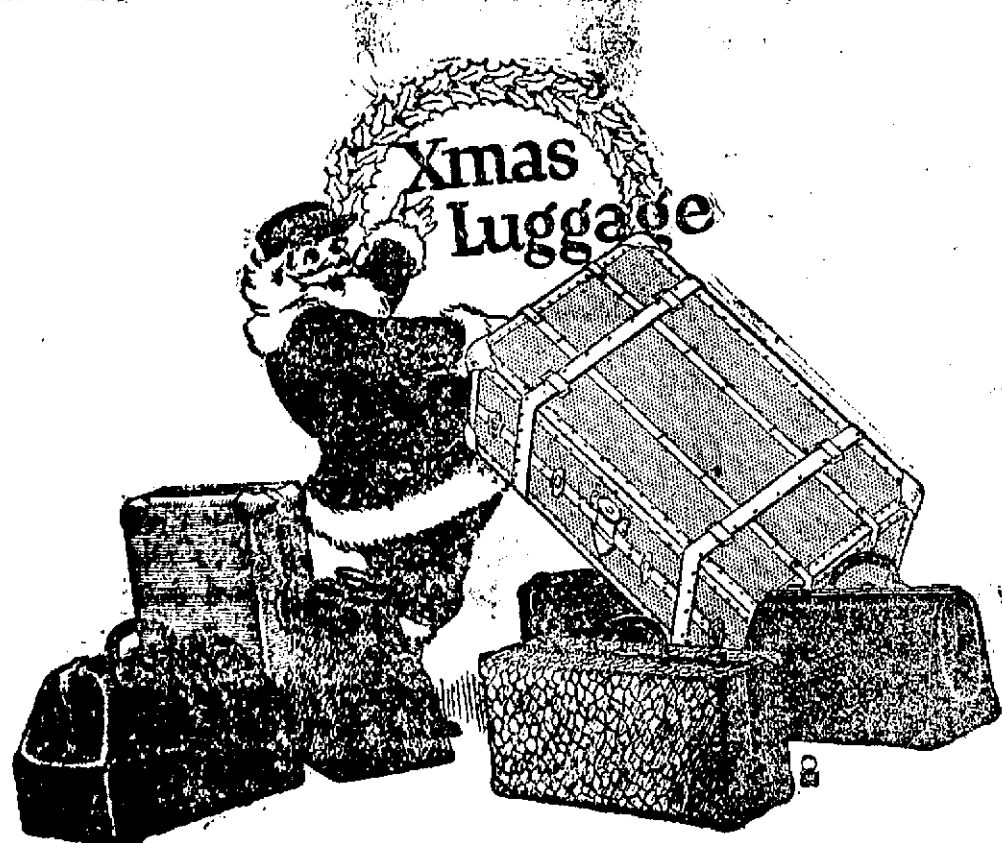
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A World Xmas Tree

(By Mrs. W. B. Landrum)
It is a pretty custom in some cities to have municipal Christmas trees. I remember one in Arkadelphia while I was in college; another on the grounds of the Capitol of Arkansas, flanked on either side by the Red Cross and the Cross of Christ; and a natural one at the Orphans' home there.

Suppose that it were possible for the entire world to celebrate Christmas by meeting around a large Christmas-tree? Can you imagine a world-wide Christmas tree? A tree of such beautiful symmetry, of such height, and so situated that from every country of the world people might gather and celebrate the birth day of Christ? Around this tree carols would be sung, and then the gifts would be distributed.

If such a tree were possible and you were asked to put gifts on it, what would be your gift to humanity?

If you had access to the shops of the world do you think that in them you would do your Christmas shopping in order that the gifts you made to humanity would be the most perfect gift, the gift that would satisfy the deep want of the world's heart? Ah no, for the artisan can not fashion anything, nor can the artist paint anything nor the genius create anything which would make the most perfect gift.

But come with me and I will take you to the place where the perfect gift may be sought. It is to be found between the covers of a book. A book that is the bread made of the old enchanted Arabian grain, the Sesame, which opens doors to the finest fiction, the highest dramatic effects, the sublimest poetry, the most instructive history, the purest philosophy, and the most persuasive oratory; revealing the relation of God to man, and man to his fellowman.

In this book then we will find our gifts to hang on the world's Christmas tree. And what are they? Faith, hope and love, (best boons to mortals given); sympathy, and temperance, truth, courage, justice, fidelity and kindness.

Our world Christmas tree should be decorated with certain bright stars that will scintillate and reflect the beauty of the Christmas spirit that shines brightest in the hearts of men at Christmas time. Edgar A. Guest has expressed this thought so beautifully in his poem, entitled, "At Christmas":

"A man is at his finest towards the finish of the year.
He is almost what he should be when the Christmas season's here;
Then he's thinking more of others than he's thought the months before;
And the laughter of his children is a joy worth tolling for.
He is less a selfish creature than at any other time;
When the Christmas spirit rules his he comes close to the sublime.

When it's Christmas man is bigger and is better in his part;
He is keener for the service that is prompted by the heart.
All the petty thoughts and narrow seem to vanish for awhile
And the true reward he's seeking is the glory of a smile.
Then for others he is toiling and somehow it seems to me
That at Christmas he is almost what God wanted him to be.

Man is ever in a struggle and he's oft misunderstood;
There are days the worst that's in him is the master of the good.
But at Christmas kindness rules him and he puts himself aside
And his petty hates are vanished and his heart is open wide.
Oh, I don't know how to say it, but somehow it seems to me

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That at Christmas man is almost what God sent him here to be." One of the stars we will find on our Christmas tree will be the star of Love. We celebrate Christmas because of the love for humanity in God's heart. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." As the people of the world gather around our Christmas tree there would be enkindled in each heart the spirit of love.

A second star would be the star of Gratitude. And I think that we would find that the star of gratitude would grow brighter as the happy hours passed and the gifts were distributed. And the lights on this star would twinkle and the gifts were distributed. And the lights on this star would twinkle more merrily as those who received a gift turned

Patterson's Column



MEXIA HAS many things to BE JUSTLY proud of and MANY MANY things to be VERY THANKFUL for AND IS but just now Mexia IS IN the limelight of FAVORABLE PUBLICITY as the HOME OF the worlds greatest WOMAN OIL operator I IMAGINE that when our SPLENDID TOWNSWOMAN Mrs. J. K. HUGHES decided to enter THE OIL game she did so ONLY BECAUSE she wanted to TAKE A LITTLE "flier" on HER OWN account and that she REALLY HAD no idea that HER SMALL lease held such WONDERFUL possibilities BUT PRESENT indications are THAT SHE is drilling in the VERY CENTER of the big WORTHAM POOL THE LORD has seen fit to POUR MILLIONS into her POCKETS AND I'll tell the LORD THAT he could not put GOLD INTO hands less selfish THAN THOSE of Mrs. Hughes NOR COLD he enrich one with A HEART more tender WITHOUT OSTENTATION she goes PLACIDLY AND un-assumingly AHEAD DOING good deeds with HER WEALTH and saying NOTHING ABOUT it YOU MIGHT give her all THE MONEY in the world and I THINK it would not spoil HER SHE IS loyal to home merchants AND TAKES an active interest IN CIVIC affairs SO THEN she is that type of AMERICAN womanhood that COOLIDGE REFERS to as "the SALT OF the earth" AND HER friends who are LEGION REJOICE with her AND WISH for her even greater SUCCESS—I thank you. —PATTERSON.

ed and shared it with another. "Generosity is always the companion of Gratitude." "The rosebud must unfold its petals, reveal its beauty, and exhale its fragrance if it would receive the dewdrops and the sunlight."

And then on the tipmost branch of the tree would shine with resplendent glory the star of Peace; and as the people of the world joined hands in a great fraternal ring of friendship to march around this tree I think we might hear again the words of the angel band as they sang at the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill to men."

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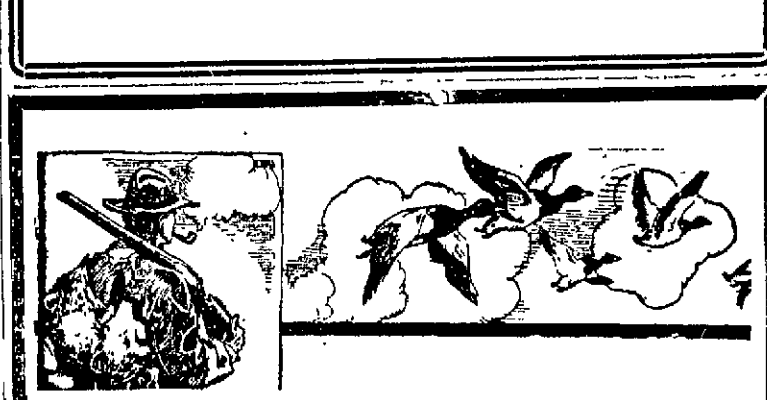
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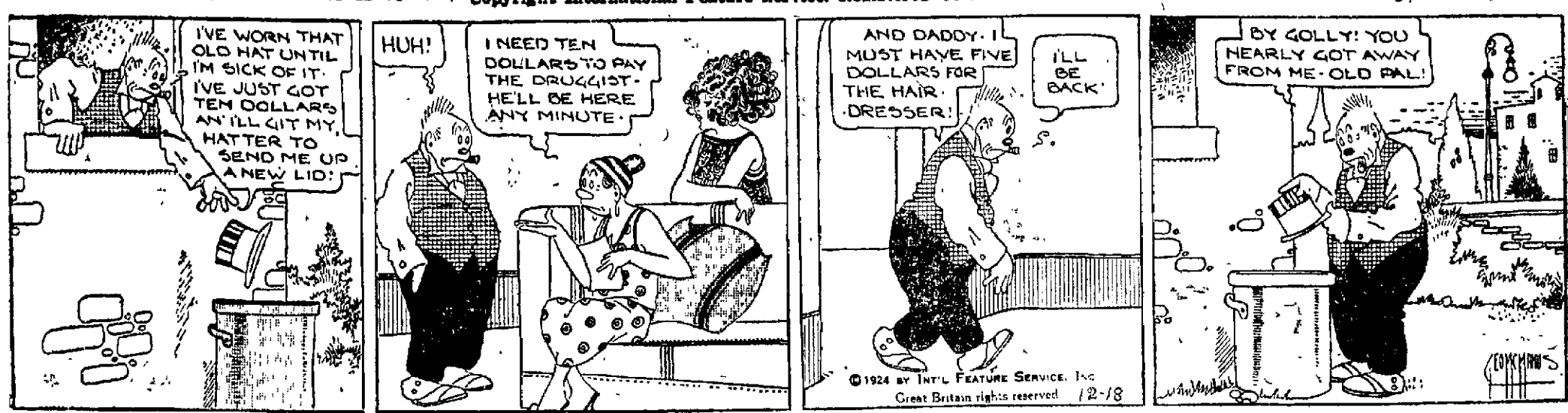
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Wanted
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WANTED—Small set of books to keep at spare time or would consider a position bookkeeping 20 years experience in this line, address box 44 in care News. 16X3
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WANTED—Girls, good clean healthy work. New Way Laundry, phone 309. 12X7
WANTED—Colored woman to cook, one who knows the duties of household work, references required, phone 98W, or call at 511 E. Hopkins. 11X6
WANTED—A first class collector, apply at American Dry Cleaners. 16X2
WANTED—Good bread baker, must be experienced, apply at Mexia Steam Bakery, 233 E. Tyler St. 16X3

For Rent
FOR RENT—3 room house, water and lights, call 729, Palestine, cheap. 16X3
FOR RENT—Ford truck with driver, 12.50 per day. See A. F. Herman at Sturtevant Auto Supply Co., or call 797W. 12X7
ROOM AND BOARD in private home, on Groesbeck road, inquire for Mrs. DYSON. 17X1
ROOM AND BOARD—Close in, room has two double beds, private entrance, next to bath, 305 E. Hunt St. Just off McKinney, 2 blocks south of City Hall. 17X2
Cunningham's Hat and Tailor Shop, Phone 602.

Leases
VERY ATTRACTIVE ROYALTIES—Close to production; also have lot in business section of Wortham. Reasonable for quick sale. See Foster between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. Friday and Saturday at Commercial Hotel, Wortham, Texas. 18D2
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FOR SALE—5 room house on South Sherman close in; part cash, balance terms to suit buyer, call 171 or 609J. 14X7
FOR SALE—Residence lots, lights water, gas and sewer. Close to pavements, easy term. It will pay to investigate this offer. CARL DAVIS, phone 399. R-31-30
FOR SALE—My home on McKinney Street, four acres of land, two acres front on R. R. will sell separate from home. See W. B. Jackson. 11X7
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1 4 Shive Traveling Block.
1 5in. Waggle Spring Hook.
1 Hughes Disc Bit.
1 6 in. Square Grief Stem.
1 Union Tool Swivel 6 in.
1 6 in. Wilson Elevator.
1 10 in F. M. Elevator.
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Crude Prices

(These quotations are based on price paid by purchasing companies in Dallas, revised daily.)
Midcontinent.
Below 30 gravity \$.75
30 to 32.9 gravity90
33 to 35.9 gravity 1.10
36 and above 1.25
North Central Texas.
Corsicana, light (Powell) 1.25
Corsicana, heavy90
Mexia 1.25
Currie 1.25
Thrall 1.00
Ranger.
30 and below90
30 to 32.9 gravity 1.10
33 to 35.9 gravity 1.25
36 and above 1.35
Wichita and Archer Counties
30 and below75
30 to 32.9 gravity90
33 to 35.9 gravity 1.10
36 and above 1.25
Moran Crude.
30 and below75
33 to 35.9 gravity 1.10
South Texas
Mirando (Texpata)90
Mirando (Magnolia)75
Somerset.
25 gravity and above95
Below 25 gravity85
Gulf Coast.
Grade A 1.50
Grade A at Blue Ridge, Bull and Pierce Junction 1.25
Luling.
All gravities90
East Texas.
Nacogdoches shallow oil 2.00
(Premium of 50c a barrel over price of Texas Coastal Grade A crude posted for Nacogdoches shallow by Yuba Refining Co.)
H. & T. C. SCHEDULE.

North Bound.
No. 19 Deason-Ft.W. 3:55 a. m.
No. 17 Dallas-Ft.W. 4:30 a. m.
No. 37 Dallas-Ft.W. 4:59 a. m.
No. 31 Dallas-Ft.W. 7:15 a. m.
No. 15 Dallas-Ft.W. 3:31 p. m.
No. 33 Ennis 7:10 p. m.

South Bound.
No. 20 Houston 12:15 a. m.
No. 38 Austin-SA 12:21 a. m.
No. 18 Houston 1:37 a. m.
No. 34 From Ennis-Stp. 7:15 a. m.
No. 32 From Dallas-Stp. 10:08 a. m.
No. 16 Houston-SA 11:55 a. m.

Cutt-Off.
345 From Navasota-stp. 1:47 p. m.
346 From Navasota-Lv. 7:00 a. m.

TRINITY & BRAZOS VALLEY
North Bound.
No. 8 2:31 P. M.
South Bound.
No. 7 12:24 P. M.
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Superintendent Of Waco Schools Praises Sumpter

Waco, Texas, Dec. 9, 1924.

To the Pupils of the 6A Class, Sumpter St. Grammar School, Mexia, Texas.

My dear friends:

I was very glad to have your letter of December 5th, telling me so many interesting things about your school and your work.

I had the pleasure of visiting Mexia a few weeks ago and the superintendent gave me a copy of the Sumpter School News. I think you are doing a splendid piece of work in getting out such an excellent paper. It contained many interesting bits of news and I am sure that you have been greatly benefitted by working out such a project as this.

I am glad also to find that you are doing such good work in your athletics this year. I think you will find this one of the most interesting and helpful features of your school work. In addition to the benefits you will get through the development of your bodies, you will be greatly benefitted through learning to play games according to rules, through being obedient to officials and through learning to respect the rights of other people. I think this is fine training for future American citizens.

I hope some of you will find it convenient to visit Waco some day and, if you do, I should like for you to come to see me and to visit some of our schools. I am not sure, however, that we can show you any project quite as interesting as your newspaper.

Let me assure you again that I appreciate your writing to me and

that I wish for each of you the greatest possible success in all your undertakings.

Sincerely yours,
B. B. COBB,
Superintendent of Waco Schools

7B ENGLISH CLASS HAS BIRTHDAY PROGRAM

The 7B English Class of Miss Mavis Ward, McKinney Street School gave the following program as exercises for the birthday of John Greenleaf Whittier, Poet, born December 17, 1807.

1. The Life of Whittier by Ellen Speer, Jasper Easterling, William Broadnax, Dwan Walton, Sidney Johnston and Opal Broadnax.
2. "The Barefoot Boy" Gathright Henderson.
3. "In School Days" Billie Wilson.
4. "Barbara Fretchie" Parley Lain.
5. "Maude Muller" Ora Pearl Skeen.
6. A one act play entitled "Guests From Whittier Land" with the following characters in costume, taken from the four poems read by the different pupils as given:

Bessie, a school girl, Pauline Parker.

The Barefoot Boy, Thomas Mires. Maude Muller, Estelle McCraw. The School Boy, James Mires. The School Girl, Lorena Cox. Red Riding Hood, Helen Ward. Barbara Fretchie, Evelyn Knoff. Bessie, the school girl, expresses the wish to meet the characters in the poems she is reading. Fairies grant the wish. The characters enter in costume and talk in rhyme to Bessie.

Austin, Texas,
December 10, 1924

7B Class,
McKinney Street School,
Mexia, Texas.

Dear 7B Class:

Your letter of December 11th addressed to Mr. Waco, Treasurer of

the Texas Public Health Association, has been referred to me. As Children's Secretary for this Association I am very much interested in your activities in the City of Health Land and would like to know more of the details in regard to your Modern Health Crusade. It would give me a great deal of pleasure to have such a wide awake bunch of crusaders compete for the silver loving cup, which is offered by the Texas Public Health Association to the school room in this state for the best record in the Crusade. If you are interested in trying to win this cup I should be glad to hear from the City Manager of Health Land and will be glad to send him (or her) the full information regarding this contest.

I am sure that your Christmas celebration will be lovely and I wish that I might have the privilege of attending it. I am sure that your Christmas will be happier because of the happiness your gifts to the Salvation Army Christmas box will bring.

With all good wishes, I am,
Sincerely yours,
PANSY NICHOLS,
Children's Secretary
Texas Public Health Association.

Only 24 Survivors Of The Mexican War Alive in U. S.

[By United Press]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Three full squads of nonagenarians are all that remain of the army which fought for the United States in the Mexican War, records of the pension bureau show. Their ranks are thinning rapidly, for a year ago there were 49 on the pension lists, but 25 have died.

James M. Holmes, Owensboro, Ky., a private in the Texas Rangers in the combat which ended 73 years ago, is the oldest of the scattered band of feeble veterans. He is 100 years old. The other survivors are: Amasa Clark, 99, Bandera, Tex., private in the Third Infantry. John Wedig, 99, Granite City, Ill., private in the First Dragoons. Thomas A. Kirk, 99, Milano, Tex., private First Texas Mounted Volunteers. Levi Flowers, 98, Pawnee, Okla., private Second Missouri Volunteers. Daniel Gonder, 98, Rippey, Ia.,

private Second Ohio Infantry. Oliver J. Stough, 98, San Diego, Calif., private Third Ohio Infantry. Robert Starkey, 96, Marshfield, Ore., seaman, U. S. Navy. Uriah Rose, 96, Thaxton, Va., private, First Virginia Infantry. William F. Buckner, 96, Paris, Mo., private Second Missouri Volunteers. Hugh Connor, 95, Floral Park, N. Y., private marine corps. William Corbin, 95, Sullivan, Ill., private First Illinois Foot Volunteers. Jacob M. Fleming, 95, Mt. Pleasant, Tex., private Third Tennessee Volunteers. Samuel Leffler, 95, St. Paul, Ind., private Fifth Indiana Infantry. Jesse Stonecipher, 94, Xenia, Ill., private Fifth Tennessee Infantry. Calvin E. Myers, 94, Livingston, Tenn., private Fourth Tennessee Infantry. George W. M. Meadows, 94, Checotah, Okla., private Third Kentucky Infantry. Uriah Gasaway, 94, Reelsville, Ind., private U. S. Mounted Rifleman. William J. Biggerstaff, 94, Lakewood, Calif., private Missouri Volunteers. Owen Thomas Edgar, 93, Wash-

ington, D. C., second-class boy, U. S. Navy. William Harman, 93, Washington, D. C., fifer, Seventh Infantry. Richard A. Howard, 93, Sterling City, Tex., private First Artillery. Thomas B. Ballard, 92, St. Joseph, Ky., private Fourth Kentucky Infantry. David Irvin, 91, Pilgrim, Tex., private Second Mississippi Infantry.

NEW BARTENDERS' DEGREE.

[By United Press]

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—German "Kultur" is extending its field and has discovered a new subject fit for school teaching. Berlin has started a "school for mixers" which bears the pompous name of "mixing school of the international bar masters in the Geneva association unique and first professional school on the continent." A final examination will submit candidates to most complicated trials of ability, imaginative powers and taste. It is not yet certain whether this new school will grant an academic degree to this new set of men "called to the bar."

STATE SPORT TABS.

Ivan Pontonoff, Russian grappler, in straight falls here tonight.

GEORGETOWN—Bruce Duncan Liano, has been elected captain of Southwestern University 1925 football squad.

FORT WORTH—Texas Christian University and the Stickle Lumber quintette, play a scheduled conference game here tonight.

FLU AND PNEUMONIA RAISE DEATH RATE

[By United Press]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Influenza and pneumonia is mainly responsible for the jump of the death rate of 1924, which mounted to fifty more per hundred thousand population in death registration area than the previous year, the Department of Commerce announced.

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS.

(Humble Oil & Refining Co.)

Corsicana, light, Pw.	1.25	1.00
Mexia	1.25	1.00
Carrie	1.25	1.00

News Classified Ads get results.

MEN AND WOMEN IN THE NEWS OF THE DAY



Below: MRS. CALVIN O'MORE & MRS. CALVIN COOLIDGE
Below: PRINCESS KETTO MIKELADZ & C. A. STONEHAM

Charles A. Stoneham, owner of the New York Giants, lost a legal point when Federal Judge A. N. Hand, in New York City, ruled that he must answer creditors' charge that he was a partner in the bankrupt brokerage firm of E. M. Fuller & Co. Princess Ketto Mikeladz, Russian exile, is about to break a 600 year record for idleness in the Ariston family, of which she is a member, by working for a living on the New York stage. Mrs. Calvin O'More, of New York City, known in private life as Mrs. Madeline E. Horabarger, has sued for divorce and \$75 a week alimony from the San Carlos Opera Company tenor, Mrs. Calvin Coolidge has been awarded the honorary degree of doctor of laws by Boston University.

Vaudeville

—at the—

Opera House

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The very lamp you want is here—the very design and color scheme you've admired so much. And right now during this unusual selling, our greatest lamp sale, you will find just the lamp you want priced lower by far than they have ever been priced by any store anywhere. See these remarkable creations! There is a real surprise in store for you when you attend this extraordinary sale tomorrow. By all means arrange to secure one of these lamp masterpieces, designs that have been created by the country's foremost lamp artists and designers.

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207 East Commerce Street

First Wortham Crude to Go to New Steel Storage Today FOURTH GUSHER OF WEEK COMES IN TODAY

Japanese Warlike Preparations Arouse White Nations

VETERAN SUPPLY MEN STATE ALL RECORDS ARE BROKEN

10 eighty thousand barrel steel storage tanks and 88 fifty five thousand barrel tanks are to be erected in the Wortham field. Most of these are now in course of construction, with the first tank completion to be announced by nightfall when the Humphreys Boyd Oil Company will turn its production from the Simmons lease through pipe line connections into it on the Carter farm, North of Mexia a few miles. This tank has been completed in record time. Several others will be ready for storage purposes within a few days on this farm.

The capacity of the new tank farms being built for Wortham crude 6,740,000 barrels.

Most of the steel storage is to be 55s, while only two companies will build five 80s each.

The Boyd Oil Company is to lead in this program with fifty 55s, for 2,750,000 barrel.

The Prairie Oil and Gas Company comes next with five 80s and nineteen 55s, for 1,455,000 barrels.

The Humble Oil and Refining Company is third with twenty 55s, for 1,100,000.

Others are:

The E. L. Smith Oil Company, four 55s, for 220,000.

Sun Oil Company four 55s, for 220,000.

Pure Oil Pipe Line Company, four 55s, for 220,000.

Atlantic Oil and Production Company five 80s and two 55s, for 510,000.

Simms Oil Company, five 55s, for 275,000.

The material for the Humphreys Boyd tank farm was ordered before the discovery well came in, and was rolling to Mexia early. Since its arrival work has been speeded up until all tank building records have been shattered. The pipe line is also ready and the first Wortham crude to be stored in tankage built since the discovery of the field less than four weeks ago will be pouring into this reservoir by night.

The supply companies and tank builders are keeping pace with the flood of orders turned loose by the lease owners in recent weeks, and are making deliveries to the field in trainload lots, especially on casing, small pipe, boilers, gas engines and rotary rigs. Veteran officials of major supply companies concede all honors to the Wortham field for breaking previous records on fast development, and no delay will be experienced by the operators by reason of equipment shortage.

TOO MANY SOX.

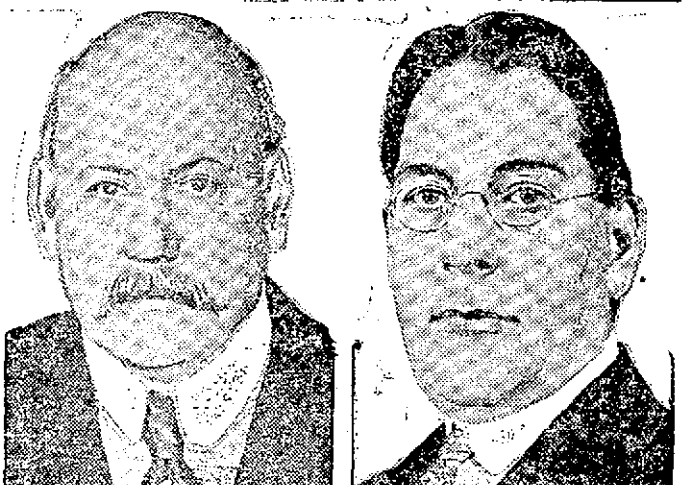
[By United Press]
PARIS, Dec. 18.—Sixty-five pairs of stockings in one month too many for one woman, a Paris court decided, sustaining Frank J. Gould's refusal to pay for that amount of hosiery, charged to him in a month by Edith Kelly Gould his former wife.

THE WEATHER.

Texas—Unsettled, rain and colder.

ONLY
5
SHOPPING
DAYS
TILL
CHRISTMAS

MEN AND WOMEN IN NEWS OF THE DAY.



Above: MRS. ASA G. CANDLER & ASA G. CANDLER.
Below: SECY. JOHN W. WEEKS & SECY. CURTIS D. WALLCUT.

Asa G. Candler, Atlanta, Ga., aged multi-millionaire Coca Cola King, has been reconciled with his young wife and pending divorce proceedings will be withdrawn. In response to Naval Secretary Wilbur's demand for a larger navy, the Senate has provided funds for eight new cruisers, converting six coal burning battleships into oil burners, and for six new gunboats for China service. Secretary of War Weeks has asked Congress to approve the opening step in a \$115,000,000 programme for building new barracks for the army.

CONTRACT LET FOR \$150,000 CHARCOAL PROCESS PLANT TO RECOVER GASOLINE FROM GAS

Eddie Canter, representing the Gasoline Recovery Plant of Charleston, West Virginia, today closed a contract with the Humphreys Boyd Oil Company for the erection near here of its \$150,000 natural gasoline manufacturing plant.

The industry is to be built on the J. H. Wasson fee land, located a short distance West of the field. The plant will be completed by April 15, and will be equipped to handle 20 million cubic feet of gas daily, and will make use of the charcoal process. The Humphreys Boyd Simmons 1 is producing sufficient gas to provide fuel for 25 drilling tests in the field.

Shallow gas production found at depths from 1,00 to 1,500 feet prevails in spots in the field in addition to the gas from the Woodbine depths. This gives the plant assurance of capacity business.

This charcoal process used in this plant, one of the first in Texas, is commended by all who have seen it in operation. In one experiment in the Mid Continent, in an absorption plant with a capacity of 28,000 gal-

lons of gasoline daily, the waste gas released by that process was passed through the Charcoal process such as the Colonel is installing here and it made 12,000 additional gallons, after the old method had gotten all it could out of the gas.

"The plant will be used to treat our own gas and any others with whom we make contracts," the Colonel stated this afternoon.

S. W. Stockmen Warring on Ticks

[International News Service]
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 18. Southwestern stockmen will meet here Saturday to devise means of eradicating the cattle tick, Judge E. D. Henry, leader of the extermination movement, announced.

The conference is expected to go on record as opposed to the quarantine provision of tick eradication legislation proposed by Governor-elect Miriam A. Ferguson.

Colonel Humphreys Five Years For Entertains Many Defrauding by Mail Distinguished Guest

Colonel C. P. O'Connor, a veteran and prominent oil man of Denver, is here on a visit with Colonel A. E. Humphreys. Colonel O'Connor was a soldier of note in the World War, in which he won seven distinct service medals including decorations by the Legion of Honor and the D. S. C.

Mrs. A. E. Humphreys arrived today, driving from Dallas to Mexia by auto, accompanied by her brother, Frank Boyd and Bob Stivers of Ripley, Ohio.

On the 20th, Colonel and Mrs. Humphreys will leave for the holidays, which they will spend in Denver.

WOMEN TO TAKE PART IN LEGISLATION

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 18.—Legislation to be sponsored by women's political organizations of the State at the coming session of the Legislature was to be outlined at a meeting of the joint Legislative Council here today. Mrs. Claude De Van Watts, president of the Texas W. C. T. U., was in charge of the session.

SOME ASSERT NO DANGER FACED BY AMERICANS HOWEVER

[By United Press]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The administration is prepared for quick action to head off the resolution calling upon President Coolidge to summon a conference of white nations bordering on the Pacific to organize against Japan, which Representative Britten, Illinois republican, said he would introduce in the House today.

"Japan's open war preparations is the reason the whites surrounding the Pacific should have definite defense policy for mutual protection. The quicker this is done the better," Britten said. High officials deplored as untrue the dangerous statement that Japan is preparing for war. "The feeling between the governments is one of complete friendliness and understanding, despite the efforts of illadvised group in each country to stir trouble," an administration spokesman said.

40 Car Rack Is Being Built On H. & T. C. Lines

The Clayton Oil and Refining Company is going forward rapidly with its 40 car loading rack on the H. & T. C. Railroad between the Manning and Hackney farms in the Wortham district. The company will buy and ship crude to its refinery at Dallas, and is being equipped to handle about 10,000 barrels daily. A reduced freight rate is promised, according to information received here. The Humble Oil and Refining Company, the Pure Oil Company and others will use tank cars to increase their crude shipments from the field.

7,036,000 Barrel Contract Awarded

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Contracts for 7,036,000 barrels of fuel oil were awarded Wednesday by the Fleet Corporation.

The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey was given a contract to furnish 5,340,000 barrels of the amount, of which 4,200,000 barrels are to be delivered at New York at \$1.79 per barrel, 960,000 barrels to Baltimore at \$1.79 and 180,000 barrels to Charleston at \$1.74.

The Mexican Petroleum Company of New York received a contract to furnish 396,000 barrels, 198,000 to be delivered to Jacksonville at \$1.70 and 198,000 to Houston at \$1.50.

The Magnolia Petroleum Company was awarded a contract to furnish 1,300,000 barrels at Beaumont, Magneto and Sabine at \$1.45 a barrel.

CONGRESS TODAY.

[By United Press]
Senate.

Continues Muscle Shoals debate. Commerce Committee considers Cape Cod canal bill.

Mayfield investigation resumes. Underwood Muscle Shoals investigation opens.

House.

Resumes consideration of Navy appropriation bill.

Interstate Commerce Committee considers Winslow air navigation bill.

Immigration Committee considers Johnson deportation bill.

Shipping Board investigation continues.

Judiciary Committee hears chief Justice Taft on appellate jurisdiction Federal courts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The strengthened Senate block opposing the Underwood Muscle Shoals bill opened a fight to prevent a vote before Christmas. LaFollette turned to support the battle.

UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MAN LIES IN CRITICAL CONDITION AS RESULT OF AUTO ACCIDENT

An unidentified white man, approximately 30 years old and about six feet tall, dark hair and eyes lies in a critical condition at the Brown Hospital today as the result of being hit by an automobile shortly after six o'clock this morning.

The accident occurred near 417 N. Ross Avenue as L. A. Farmer, who stated that he was an employee of the Pure Oil Company, was on his way to Wortham. It is reported that the injured man came from behind a

parked automobile and Farmer, who was driving a Ford car was unable to avoid the regrettable accident. The injured man was placed in an ambulance and carried to the hospital before the arrival of the ambulance. Upon examination it was reported that the man suffered a fractured skull and concussion of the brain, at the time of going to press today no information has been received as to his identity. There were no marks of identification in his clothing or upon his body.

100 STILL ARE DISMANTLED BY CORSICANA LAWS

[By United Press]
CORSICANA, Texas, Dec. 18.—One hundred stills were dismantled and sold for junk and 500 gallons of whiskey poured into the sewer by Corsicana police late yesterday. Christmas dinners for prisoners will be bought with proceeds of the still sales.

Office of Justice Of Peace To Be In City Hall Building

S. H. Flake, Justice of the Peace elect for this precinct, will open his office and court room on the second floor of the City Hall building, he stated today.

Mr. Flake takes office on January 1st, and has completed arrangements for this space. The office of the deputies of the precinct will be adjoining the court room on the opposite side from that of the Justice of the Peace.

Pictures To Show In Dallas Theatre Of New Oil Field

According to a communication from James Blair Harris of Dallas, the pictures made in the oil fields Tuesday on the whole are very satisfactory. This feature will be shown an entire week at the Palace Theatre of Dallas, beginning December 27.

DISCOVERY WELLS HOLDING UP WELL

Producing from the Humphreys Boyd Oil Company's Simmons 1, which was brought in on Thanksgiving Day, is above 8000 barrels of oil daily, with an 80-foot bailer lost in the hole. This well is also choked, and shows a pressure of 550 pounds at the choker. The same company's N. B. Boyd 1, which was the first test to show for production on the Wortham structure, and on the extreme lower end of the field, is flowing about 850 barrels of pipe line oil daily, but is agitated frequently to maintain the steady flow.

WANTED OPEN CAR.

[By United Press]
OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 18.—After driving his new expensive sedan a week an Indian returned the car yesterday to Sam Shelbourne, salesman, and traded it for a sport roadster. When asked why he did not like the sedan, the Indian grunted "Can't Spit."

SIMMONS NUMBER 4 OF HUMPHREYS- BOYD GUSHES IN

At 10:30 this morning, the Humphreys Boyd Simmons 4 well was added to the production list of the Wortham field. It is the fourth well for the week and also the fourth well of the Humphreys Boyd Company in the less than four weeks old field.

The other Humphreys Boyd producers are the N. B. Boyd 1; (discovery well) the Simmons 1, Thanksgiving day 12,000 gusher and Free-stone County's first oil well; the Simmons 3, which was completed Wednesday for between 9,000 and 10,000 barrels of 41.2 gravity oil. The well today is estimated at being even larger than any of the other wells brought in, two six inch lines being required to take care of the stupendous production which is variously estimated from 12,000 to 20,000 barrels daily. The Humphreys Boyd Oil Company is today piping more than 30,000 barrels daily from its three producers on the Simmons acreage held by this company.

Colonel C. P. O'Connor, a veteran oil man of Denver, who is here a guest of Colonel A. E. Humphreys and Colonel Humphreys were present when the gusher came in. Colonel O'Connor declared that it was the priciest well he ever saw come in, in any way. The preparations were so complete that there was not two buckets of waste oil, before the gushing production was turned into flow lines, through the separator and on into storage.

At 6 o'clock this evening, the production of this company will be turned into the company's pipe lines to be carried to its completed 55 on the Carter Tank farm which the company is erecting. All of the lines for oil, for water and fuel used by the Humphreys Boyd Company are laid by the Company, which means unit construction and service.

The Company has four other wells going down on its Simmons acreage and about 60 in the entire field, with additional locations being made daily.

Liberty Island Is Made Nat'l Park

[By United Press]
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Fort Wood New York, is now a national monument, under executive order of Pres. Coolidge. That announcement may not cause great interest, but be it known that "Fort Wood" is nothing less than the statue of liberty in New York harbor and the ground on which it stands. The island is better known in the past as "Bedloe's Island."

The Colossus of Rhodes in Asia Minor was one of the seven wonders of the old world. Yet "Liberty" outshines the world from a height 131 feet above the pedestal, 26 feet higher than the reported height of the fallen wonder.

Production In United States Decreases 1,000

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended December 6 was 1,974,800 barrels, as compared with 1,975,800 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 1,000 barrels. The daily average production east of California was 1,376,800 barrels, as compared with 1,380,300 barrels, a decrease of 3,500 barrels. California production was 598,000 barrels as compared with 595,500 barrels, an increase of 2,500 barrels.

Call Is Made For Ninth Installment For Cotton Mill

The following statement has just gone out in the form of a letter to the stockholders of the Mexia Textile Mills, written by J. Sandford Smith, Secretary Treasurer:

Call For Ninth Installment.

We are rushing the completion of the Mill buildings as much as possible, and outside of the tenement houses, we expect to have this part of the work completed by January 1st. As mentioned in our last letter, all machinery has been purchased and will begin to move from the factory before the close of this month and installation of same commence early part of January.

All of our purchases are cash upon arrival and we urge that you do not delay sending in your Ninth installment together with any other amount you may be due to date.

Some of our stockholders have already paid in full and the greater number of them are up with their payments to date, but there are a few who are yet behind and we insist that these have their payments in shape before our next call.

Many stoves went up in town Wednesday, following the report of the coming blizzard. Oil men talking to parties in Oklahoma, as far south as Waurika, stated that the Norther had hit there. It seems to have spent its force before getting this far. Anyway it prolonged hog life in the community.

SMITH EDWARDS
1 EXPECTED IN
BEFORE DAY
IS GONE

E. L. and Blake Smith and R. L. Wheelock, with others of the E. L. Smith Company, are in the field most all the time, where today they expect to witness the completion of the second gusher for this company in the New Wortham field. The Smith Edwards 1, South offset to the Penn McCorkle well, is expected in hourly. The Company has several other drilling operations, numerous leases in the field and extensive royalty holdings, while also it is building a 226,000 barrel tank farm North of Mexia about three miles.

The Pure Oil Company's S. T. Bounds 1 is expected to be an early completion in the Wortham field. This is across the X-All highway between Mexia and Wortham from the Simmons lease on which four gushers are now producing.

The Rio Bravo Company is below 2316 feet and should be in soon.

The Mutual Manning 1 is also due in soon.

The next completion for the Boyd Oil Company is expected to be its Manning number 2, which hit the Austin chalk at 2285.

The Gulf Ferguson 1 is making rapid progress below Austin chalk and the J. K. Hughes Developing Company's Crouch 1, touched the chalk at 2226.

The Atlantic Company's Edwards 1 hit the chalk at 2208, five feet lower than the Penn McCorkle 1.

The first completion due for the Humble Oil and Refining Company is its Dodd 1, which touched the chalk at 2322.

The Kirby Wright 1 is expected to be one of the completions of the week. It is now below 2750 feet.

Blizzard Causes
Many Accidents

International News Service
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 18.—A score of minor accidents as the result of slippery pavements marked Kansas City's first day of near zero weather. Sleet and snow accompanied the low temperature and was in prospect again today.

The cold wave which has gripped this section delaying trains and causing suffering among the poorer classes, will continue until the end of the week, the weather bureau forecast today.

All of Kansas reported a snow fall of one to two inches and temperatures ranging from four degrees below zero to 29 above.

KIDNAPPED BABY IS RESTORED TO PARENTS

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 18.—Russell Stemling, Jr., two year old son of Girard Manor, Pennsylvania family, kidnapped last June, was restored to his parents today. The baby was abandoned by a man and woman who rented a hotel room and then disappeared. A description of the child broadcasted, aroused the interest of the Stemlings who identified the infant. The baby was restored by court order.

TEXT BOOK ROW.

[By United Press]
AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 18.—Argument of text book representatives for contracts to be let by the State Textbook Commission closed here today. Bids of the various companies were under consideration by the commission and will probably be passed upon tomorrow, it was indicated.

SELECTING STATE SONG.

[By United Press]
AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 18.—Selection of a Texas State song from approximately three hundred compositions submitted for the \$1,000 prize offered by Governor Neff was scheduled to get under way at the Governor's office here today. Fifteen persons constituted the committee, which will make the selection, the bill placed before the Legislature for formal addition as the State song.

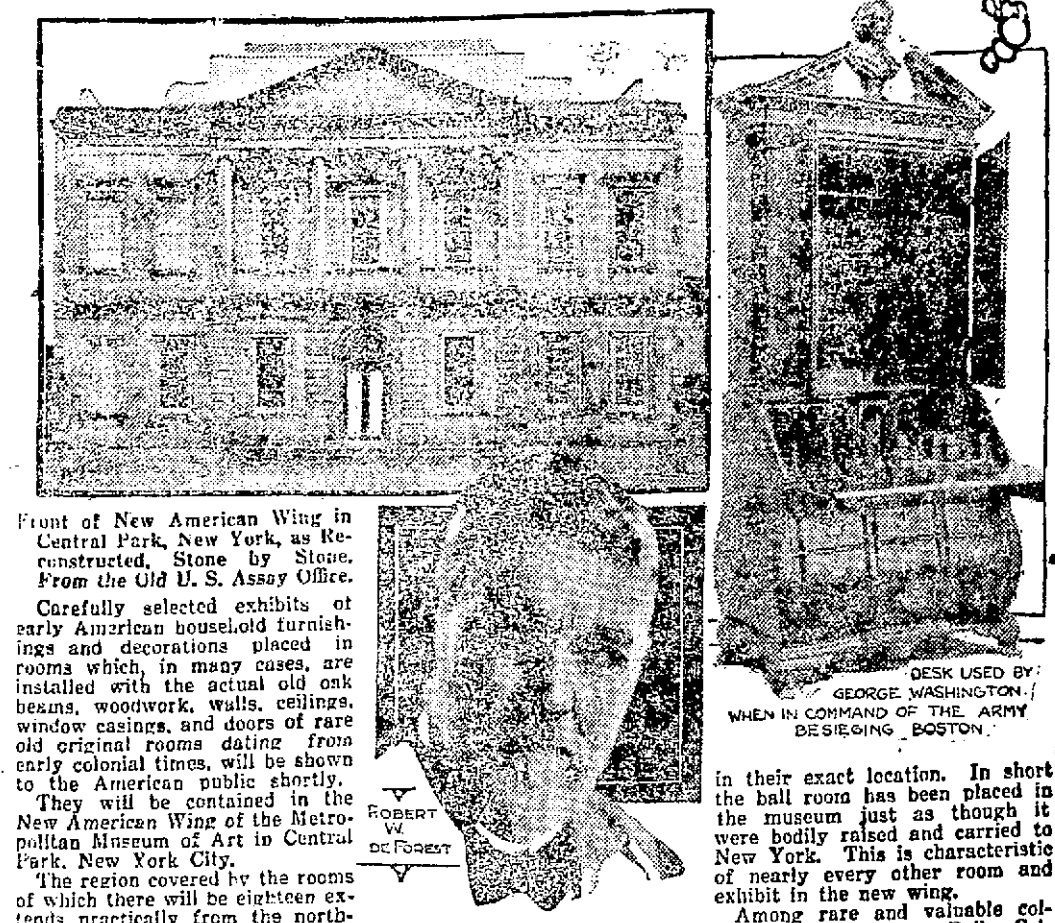
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Wonderful New American Wing of Metropolitan
Museum of Art; Historical Backgrounds
For Priceless Early American Exhibits



Front of New American Wing in Central Park, New York, as reconstructed. Stone by Stone. From the Old U. S. Assay Office.

Carefully selected exhibits of early American household furnishings and decorations placed in rooms which, in many cases, are installed with the actual old oak beams, woodwork, walls, ceilings, window casings, and doors of rare old original rooms dating from early colonial times, will be shown to the American public shortly. They will be contained in the New American Wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Central Park, New York City.

The region covered by the rooms of which there will be eighteen extends practically from the northern to the southern boundaries of the territory embraced by the thirteen original states.

The new American wing which will be exclusively devoted to American industrial and other art of the Colonial, Revolutionary, and Republican periods is the gift of President Robert W. de Forest of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and his wife, Emily Johnston de Forest.

It is hoped and believed that a time goes on many patriotically minded Americans who have objects of genuine early American historical interest from the region described may make contributions or loans to the collection.

The new American wing is a handsome three story structure. Its front is that of the old United States Assay Office (branch bank) which formerly stood at 15 Wall Street New York, and was erected one hundred years ago. After it was dismantled the huge stones were reassembled stone by stone in the American wing.

Starting on the third floor you will see rooms of the early colonial type, heavy unadorned beams, low ceilings, thick walls. Those were days when two or three rooms constituted a home, often with ten or twelve children. You may see the old chair credited to Peregrine White who was born on the Mayflower. Peregrine was the youngest of the two children of Sussanna White. Edward Winslow's wife died in that first terrible winter after the Mayflower's arrival and he joined hands with the widow White before Governor Bradford, and they were married.

The famous old ball room in Gadsby's Tavern at Alexandria, Va., erected in 1793 where General and Mrs. George Washington were feted on his birthday celebration February 22nd, 1798, and where Lafayette dined has been brought into this new wing. Every inch is the identical wood used throughout the construction of the historic old ball room. The windows and musicians' gallery are placed in their exact location. In short the ball room has been placed in the museum just as though it were bodily raised and carried to New York. This is characteristic of nearly every other room and exhibit in the new wing.

Among rare and valuable collections are the famous Bolles Collection largely of the 17th and 18th centuries and the Palmer Collection of a little bit later date which shows the gradual evolution of interior decoration. Clearwater Collection of Silver, Charles the Second Pewter, Cromwellian Pewter, Collection of Dutch Tiles by Mrs. Frederick Aillen, and other famous relics.

The exhibits, as a whole, follow the development of the American decorative and utilitarian arts. It was necessary to dig for many of the fireplaces and to carefully scrape the dirt from the bricks so as to get the color and in many instances it was necessary to reproduce. But only an expert can detect reproduction.

The American wing will teach present and future generations of Americans that the men to whose struggles they owe the foundation of the American Commonwealth were refined to their tastes and by no means indifferent to beauty.

England To Build
Two Huge Airships

International News Service
LONDON, Dec. 17.—"The American 'Los Angeles' is a baby airship." The gallant American craft is dwarfed to comparative insignificance by the two mammoth Leviathans of the air which Great Britain is to start building next July—mammoth airships to become the twin flagships, perhaps, of the new British air navy.

One of these gigantic dirigibles—each of a gas capacity exceeding 5,000,000 cubic feet—is known as the R-100, the other as the R-101.

To expedite the work so that the trial voyages may be made as soon as possible, voyages to Egypt or Australia or possibly New York, the construction of the ships has been carefully subdivided, the R-100 being designed by a private firm in Howden, Yorkshire, the R-101 by the air ministry itself at Cardington.

So far actual construction cannot begin because no sheds big enough to house these great grey monsters has ever been built.

Both the R-100 and the R-101 to be designed as sister ships, will be as nearly identical as practicable, according to information furnished by the Air Ministry. Each will exceed in displacement and length far and away any other known air vessel.

The R-101, it has already officially announced, will be 720 feet in length, 140 feet in height, 130 feet in diameter, and will be driven by seven engines of 600 horse power each, burning crude fuel oil instead of petrol. The displacement—5,000,000 cubic feet—is not considered excessive in view of the magnitude of the other dimensions. It is expected the specifications for the R-100 will be closely similar.

If the airships are to be used for commercial purposes, accommodations can be provided each for 100 passengers, separate sleeping accommodations being in the form of two-berth cabins on a separate deck from the living and smoking quarters. The cruising radius will be practically unlimited, with a 2,500 mile trip to Egypt a mere week-end jaunt.

The following will be the journey times of the R-101 on her empire flights:

Egypt—2 1/2 days.
India—5 to 6 days.
Australia—10 days.
Capte Town—5 1/2 days.
Canada—3 days.

In case commercial use brings it to New York, it is thought the engines of the R-101 may make the 3,000 mile trip across the Atlantic in slightly in excess of 48 hours.

Naturally, an immense amount of subsidiary work is necessary before actual construction on these vessels can begin. First of all there is the matter of sheds—adequate housing for the mammoths as they are being built and permanent hangars for them when completed. Two large sheds are now under construction at Howden, while at Cardington the present huge shed is being enlarged. Another shed is to be erected in In-

termediary point.

When it is completed the Cardington shed will be 812 feet long. If the Wrigley tower in Chicago should topple over, this shed would house it in comfort, with plenty of space to spare. It could hold upwards of 100,000 people, so that most of the entire population of say, Fall River, Mass., could easily find entrance. Over 3,500 tons of steel have so far been used in its construction.

There is again the matter of mooring masts.

One of these masts, 180 to 200 feet high, is to be erected shortly at Cardington, one in India, and, as in the case of the sheds, possibly another at some middle point, probably Egypt. The masts will be of steel lattice, equipped with elevators and pipe lines for fuel.

Details about the twin giants came with the official announcement of the air ministry in regard to the R-101, Sir Samuel Hoare, the present Air Minister revealed the substance of his plans.

Christmas Spirit
Is Again Here

Dear Friend:

The spirit of Christmas is again with us. The children and their parents are making plans for its proper celebration.

Thousands of school children in Texas unfortunately are unable to enjoy to the full the Christmas season, because of bad health and deformities of one kind and another which often could have been prevented by a medical examination.

One of the most important functions of the Texas Public Health Association has been the campaign which we have carried on for the examination and inspection of school

children by physicians and nurses. Much tuberculosis and other disease has been prevented by this method and by the daily practice of health habits through the Modern Health Crusade.

From experience, I realize how many duties the teacher has. At the same time, I appreciate that if the next generation of Texas citizens is to have better health than the present generation, it will be because the children in the schools are taught those things which their parents were not taught. For this reason, I am enclosing, herewith, 500 Christmas seals which sell for one cent each. Will you not be good enough to sell as many as you can, using them on your own mail, and have the children assist you as you think best?

Before the holidays, please let me have your remittance for the seals sold and return those unsold to me. I shall be glad to send a Double-Barred Cross pin to each child who sells 25 or more seals. This pin is the recognized emblem of the world-wide fight against tuberculosis.

I am counting on your assistance and that of your pupils, and am sure that I will not be disappointed. With the season's heartiest greetings, I am

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LEAN RAZORBACK SENDS THREE HOUSTONIANS TO BED

[By United Press]
HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 17.—A lean razorback hog, unassisted, put three men in a Houston hospital Tuesday night.

A motor car carrying eight bridge builders was derailed and overturned when it struck a pile of rock on the track near Hardin, fifty miles east of here. The rock pile was the result of industrious rooting by the hog, according to three badly injured men brought here for treatment. Charles Peddy, 24, of Singer, La.; A. J. Mitchell, negro, Kingsville, Tex., and G. D. Daugherty, negro, Dequincy, La., were rushed to Houston on a passenger train shortly after the accident. Five other occupants of the motor car were slightly injured. The hog had gone about his business before the wreck occurred.

COMMITTEE SELECTS WACO FOR LUTHERAN COLLEGE

The committee to select the site for the Lutheran College in Texas favor Waco as the home of the institution. Mexia was one of the seven places to make a bid for the institution and although Mexia bid more cash and campus acreage than any other place, according to statements made at the time of the bidding, it was never thought that this city was likely to get the college, there being no Lutheran church here.

News Classified Ads get results.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little boy all year. Please bring me an English notebook already copied. I would like to have another circus tie, some balloon shoes and some shirts with collars on them to wear to school. Don't forget my good school teachers, Miss Whittaker, Miss Greene, and Mr. Andrews. Please bring me a little gold football, like all the big boys have, and a pair of knee pads.

Your little friend,
Doyle Perkinson.

Dear Santa Claus:
I'm a real good little boy. I wear my collar buttoned and a neck tie to school.

Please bring me "How to Play Football," a bottle of Glo-co, a short cut to chemistry, how to court and win hearts, an electric train and track, a wagon, some candy and a few other things.

Lovingly,
Dick Buford.

P. S. Come in window as my room has neither stove nor fireplace.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a nice little girl and am a Senior in high school. I have been awfully good, Santa, and I want you to bring me a big sleeping doll and a carriage which I can ride in, a tricycle, a pair of nice red shoes, a lot of candy and a whole lot of nuts.

Lovingly,
Tina De Long.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a cap pistol and

cowboy suit. I am a good boy and help mama everyday.

Jesse Little.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little Ford truck, a box of tiddle winks and a parchisi board. I am being very good.

James Harlow.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 13 months old, and I want you to bring me a Kid-die Kar and some toys. And bring lots of nice things to eat, and bring some toys to other little boys and girls.

Walter Kline Boyd.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a pair of skates and a train. Please remember the other little boys and girls.

Holton Allen.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 4 years old, please bring me a doll with shoes and stockings on and a tricycle, fruits and candy. Don't forget my Daddy for he has been good to give me nickles. Your little friend,

RUBY BELLE INGRAM.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl five years old. I go to kindergarten, so this is my first letter to ever write. I have blond hair and brown eyes, bring me a mama doll and brother a train, he

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MELBA DAWN PEARSON.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a little, a little doll buggy. Bring me a little red dress with little rabbit on it and lot of fruits, nuts and candy,

be sure and remember my little brother. Yours lovingly,

NORA SOUTHWELL.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl three years old. Won't you please come to see me Christmas and bring me a doll, doll buggy. A little bed and some dishes, also fruits, nuts and candy. That's all this time. Lovingly,

DORIS ANNETTE GARDNER.

Word was received this morning of the death Wednesday of the infant of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wright of Denton.

News Classified Ads get results.

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Texas Baptists Reelect Officers

[By United Press]
DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 18.—All officers of the general board of the State Baptists general convention were re-elected at a two day session which opened here Wednesday.

They were R. E. Burt, Dallas, Chairman; J. A. Held, Bryan, vice chairman; George J. Mason, Dallas, treasurer; F. S. Groner, Dallas, Secretary.

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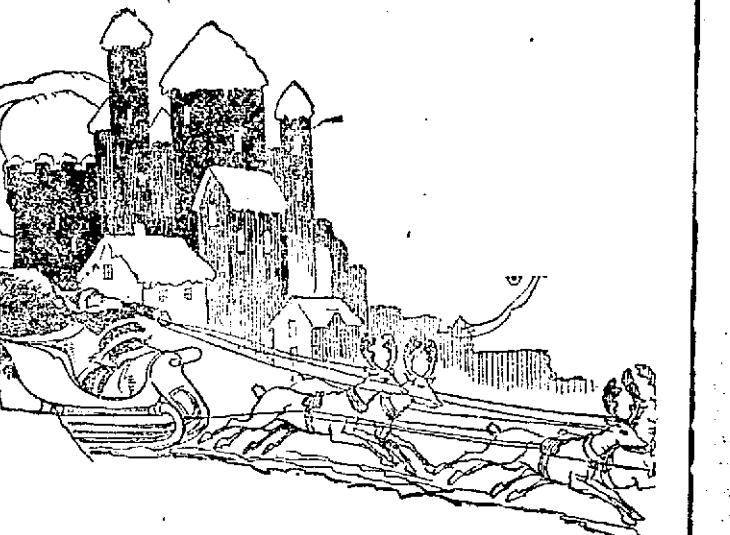
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A SERVICE OF SIGNIFICANCE

A new service of far-reaching importance to the cities of Texas will be begun early in the New Year, by the League of Texas Municipalities as a result of the trip of R. D. Jackson, executive secretary of the League, and head of the division of government research at the University of Texas, to Lawrence, Kansas, where a national convention of secretaries of state municipal leagues was held, Dec. 12 and 13.

This service will consist, in the main, in the revision and codification of the ordinances of member cities of the league, the work to be done at nominal cost. There are at present 68 cities in Texas eligible to receive the service.

The new Texas system will closely follow that now in effect in Kansas and a number of other northern states.

"In most of our small Texas towns," said Mr. Jackson, "the ordinances, drawn up and passed by innumerable succeeding city officials, are badly in need of overhauling. Some ordinances are out-of-date; many are duplicates of earlier ones; occasionally a very important one has been lost; and a large number are in a hopeless legal form.

"The new system to be offered Texas cities," he continued "will work like this: A town will send the Bureau of Government Research at the University its complete book of ordinances. The bureau will then go through these carefully, will eliminate duplication, will codify, criticize and offer suggestions. In some cases, model ordinances will be submitted. The whole will be indexed and cross-indexed.

"The effect of this will be to simplify and to standardize all of the ordinances in the municipalities of Texas. There is especial need for this in the smaller towns."

At the Kansas meeting, a national association of secretaries of state municipal leagues was formed, Texas thus becoming one of the charter members. The following states are represented at present in the new organization: Texas, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Colorado, Illinois, Virginia and Indiana. Morris B. Lambie, executive secretary of the Minnesota League of Municipalities, was elected president.

HIGH SCHOOLS GIRLS

WORKING DILIGENTLY

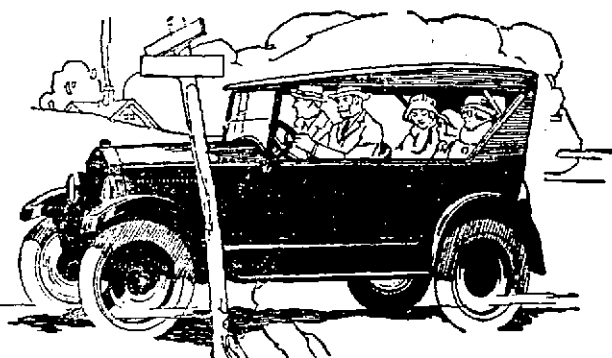
The High School girls of the gymnasium classes have been working diligently the past two weeks on their exhibition which is to be given on the night of December 19. They are determined to make a success of it and give to the public a big surprise in some of the spectacular fetes that they can perform. The program consists of gymnastic exercises, stunts and folk dancing. It is in keeping with the Christmas spirit and is entirely different from

the one given by the girls last year.

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C. N. Wakefield returned to his home in Coolidge Thursday after having undergone an operation for gangrenous appendicitis operation at the Brown Hospital here.

E. J. Moran of Dallas was in this city Monday.



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Evelyn Thaw to Fight for Son's Name



RUSSELL THAW

Efforts of Harry Thaw to secure a reconciliation with his divorced wife, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, who is now running a cabaret in Atlantic City N. J., having failed, the former Mrs. Thaw has announced her intention of fighting to secure the millions for her son, Russell, shown here in his latest photograph, whose parentage Thaw has steadfastly denied.

WORTHAM OIL FIELD OPERATORS GROWING IN NUMBER DAILY

The following companies and individual operators are participating in the drilling campaign in the Wortham field, which list is being added to daily:

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WHEN HUMPHREYS CAME TO OUR TOWN

By BEN B. HUNT.

When Humphreys came to our town
A few short years ago,
He sent the drill-bit spinning down
To golden gulfs below.
A pioneer indeed was he,
Who traveled unknown trails,
He blazed the way for you and me
Through golden hills and dales.

When Humphreys came to our town
The wolf was at the door;
Our castles then were tumbling
down
And you and I were poor;
But Humphreys drove the wolf away
He kicked the old thing out.
He made our castles bright and
gay
When oil began to spout.

When Humphreys came to our town
A few short years ago,
We hardly dreamt of such renown
As we were soon to know;
We never thought Mexia then
Would ever come to be
The Mecca for the countless men
Whom daily now we see.

When Humphreys came to our town,
From some far distant State,
Perhaps good judgment sent him
down,
Perhaps the hand of Fate;
Perhaps it was a "brilliant dream"
That urged his spirit on,

But in his wake a brighter gleam
Has blessed Mexia's dawn.

We now have seen Mexia's star
Reach such majestic heights
That famous men have journeyed far
To see her wondrous sights;
And bursting forth from far below
Her rolling sandy soil
The golden gulfs now seethe and
flow
A boundless wealth of oil.

When Humphreys came to our town
The second time he came—
Then everything had quieted down
And almost gone the flame;
But now he's sent our magic star
To new and greater heights
And men are coming from afar
To see the wondrous sights.

Dr. H. C. Maxwell will leave
Thursday afternoon for El Paso for
a few days, his wife is ill at that
place.

Bert Hollister is ill in the Brown
Hospital, it is reported he has a case
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DOVE OF PEACE HOVERS OVER BIG BALL LEAGUE

By EDWARD C. DEER.

United Press Staff Correspondent.
CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The dove of peace hovered over the joint meeting of baseball's two major leagues here today and tried desperately to make a landing. If it fails, organized baseball is due for a terrific shake-up with either Commissioner Landis or Ban Johnson, president of the American League, stepping down and out.

The first effort at peace is to be made shortly before the joint meeting is called at 11 o'clock. "The peace committee" of the American circuit, composed of Colonel Jacob Ruppert of the New York Yanks, Tom Shibe of the Athletics and E. S. Barnard, of Cleveland, will call on Landis and try to "smooth over" the recent attacks made on the commissioner by Ban Johnson. If this move fails, the storm will break loose in the meeting itself.

Landis, who was hailed as the "savior of baseball," when he took the reins four years ago, faces beyond a doubt his greatest crisis. Johnson stormed his disapproval when Landis permitted the "tainted" New York Giants to enter the world series with Washington last fall and although both major leagues as well as the minors adopted resolutions of confidence in Landis, when they meet in the East, the baseball commissioner likely will demand in effect that "Johnson get out or shut up." The lobby of a big downtown hotel was all cluttered up this morning with baseball's club owners, managers, coaches, scouts and some players. While the Landis Johnson war was the chief topic of conversation, there was considerable talk of trades.

Negotiations between the Yanks and St. Louis Browns for a pitcher trade may be completed today. The Yanks are offering Joe Bush and another player, probably Whitey Witt—for Urban Shocker, ace of the

Browns' mound staff. George Sisler, manager of the St. Louis club, is understood to be willing to part with Shocker, but he wants more valuable material in exchange. The Chicago Cubs will reopen negotiations for a hard hitting right handed outfielder and will talk business with the Giants and the Cincinnati Reds.

Nairators Club Has Interesting Meeting Tuesday

The Nairators, the boys club of the High School, held their annual Christmas festival in the auditorium of the school Tuesday afternoon, having several favorites on the program.

Delightful readings were given by Miss Clara Belle Bybee and Miss Betsy Walters, who are always a welcome addition to any program. Mrs. Strange sang "A Friend" in a most pleasing manner. Mrs. Denning was the pianist. These artists are especial favorites of the Boy's Club.

Supt. C. A. Puckett, a representative Rotarian gave a short address on "The Christmas Spirit." He emphasized the pleasure that comes from giving, and urged the club at this time to spread cheer and happiness by giving in a large measure.

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Miss Lola Cochrum rendered a violin solo accompanied by Miss Opal Hale. Both are High School students and were enthusiastically received.

The crowning event of the afternoon was the personal experiences given by Miss Ouida Wildman, a movie star, formerly a student here but now connected with the Hal Roach Studios in Hollywood. Miss Wildman was at her best and told about how films were made, of her experiences in going on location in the High Sierras, of encounters with wild animals; escapes from a movie pirate ship adrift. In answer to

questions she told of many movie stars she had met and of the plays in which she was featured. Miss Wildman was glad to be back among her old schoolmates and showed it, they in turn were thrilled to have her as their guest.

Miss Leta Mae McCravy presented the club with a wonderful box of chocolates that were thoroughly enjoyed by the members and guests. George Blitch, by request, sang "Yes We Have No Bananas" in Spanish.

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Another Arrest In Shawnee, Okla. Bank Robbery

[International News Service]
FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 17.—A youth police say is James T. Over-

street was under arrest here today in connection with the recent robbery of the Federal National Bank at Shawnee, Okla., in which a bandit trio obtained \$18,000.

More than \$800 was found in the youth's possession, detectives said. He was arrested on advice of Shawnee police who telephoned his description to Fort Worth.

Shawnee officials were expected

here today to complete identification.

The youth dressed in natty sport clothes was taken into custody at the Texas hotel as he was leaving for a Fort Worth golf links.

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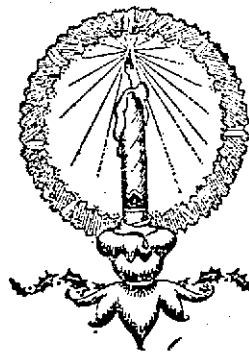
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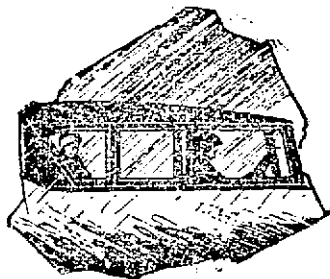
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BLAST OF WINTER
HITS MIDDLE
WEST COMING
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KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 17.—The coldest weather of the winter so far had this section in its grip today.

Near zero temperatures were reported from Kansas and from Western Missouri. Sleet accompanied the storm which struck Kansas City yesterday, sending the mercury down to 10 above shortly after midnight.

Snow and colder was today's forecast by the weather Bureau.

Trains from the West were reported several hours late.

Suffering was acute among the city's poor.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The sub-zero weather of the Northwest is slowly working its way east and south and should strike as far East as Ohio today, the Weather Bureau here stated.

It is from 20 to 40 degrees below zero in North Dakota, Montana and the Canadian provinces, according to reports.

Sharp drops in temperatures were reported throughout the Middle West.

C. I. A. HOLIDAYS
EXTENDED TO JAN. 5TH.

DENTON, Texas, Dec. 18.—Christmas holidays for students at the College of Industrial Arts have been extended from January 2 to January 5, 1925, according to an announcement made here today. Registration day, it was discovered, had been set for Friday, thereby permitting but one class day for the remainder of the week. Under the new ruling registration will be conducted Monday, January 11.

Wheat Report Is
Discredited By
British Buyer

[By United Press]
LONDON, Dec. 17.—The widely believed report that six known men control the world's wheat supply was discredited by Sir Herbert Robson, British government wheat buyer, who today appeared as the principal witness before Sir Aukland Geddes' royal commission investigating food prices. It is impossible, Robson said. The amount of money required would be too vast a quantity and the feat too enormous.

THIRD PAYMENT
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To All County and Independent District Depositories:

I am pleased to transmit warrant for the third payment on the scholastic per capita apportionment for the year 1924-1925. You recall that the entire apportionment was \$14 and this payment of one dollar makes a total of four dollars paid leaving \$10 to be paid after January first. Owing to the large amount of money required for the purchase of new text books, as a result of the adoption of 1922, we have transferred \$1,500,000 from the school fund for that purpose and yet are in as good financial condition as we were Jan. 1, 1922.

Including this payment on the apportionment and the payment for text books, we have disbursed since Sept. 1, 1921, \$6,786,400 which would not have been possible had not the text book litigation of 1923-1924 caused a very economical administration of the free text book law. You may expect to receive the remainder of the ten dollars by May 1, 1925.

We are now engaged in selecting text books for 1925-1926. If the Text Book Commission will be conservative in making contracts and the Thirty-ninth Legislature liberal

toward public education, the state apportionment for 1925-1926 should not be less than fifteen dollars. I am enclosing a leaflet containing my educational program to which I wish to direct your special attention.

With the compliments of the season, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
S. M. N. MARRS,
State Superintendent.

EXCITEMENT RUNS HIGH OVER
WACO-OAK CLIFF GAME

Coaches Tyson and Bernhauser are working every afternoon until after dark on those Waco Tigers, in preparation for the high school championship game with Oak Cliff at the Fair Park stadium at Dallas next Saturday. Bernhauser is working the kinks out of the Waco line and expects to put forth a stone wall against the strong Oak Cliff delegation, while Paul Tyson will open up a series of offensive plays not witnessed on a high school gridiron this season.

In case the game is played on a muddy field the odds will be heavily in favor of the Oak Cliff Leopards. The Tigers would have a very slim chance to win over their heavy opponents. Most sport scribes give the Dallas boys a little edge over the Waco eleven but we believe Waco will show their old form and make just enough scores to win the championship.

On every corner, in every shop and even on top of the Amicable building you are able to hear nothing but arguments on the Waco-

"Bo" McMillan Has
Resigned As Head
Coach at Centenary

"Bo" McMillan, one of the most talked of players of a few years ago has resigned as head coach at Centenary College at Shreveport, according to reports. McMillan made an unparalleled record on the gridiron when he led the Praying Colons of Centre College to victory over some of the strongest teams in the country.

McMillan's three year contract expired on December 5th, and he was awaiting a new offer from Centenary. A meeting of the board of trustees of the college held on Thursday and Friday failed to agree on a new contract for McMillan when he asked to be relieved of any further duties with the school's athletic program.

McMillan would not say Saturday night what his plans for the future are. During his three years at Centenary Bo has lost but one game each season. He developed one of the best teams in the country and won high rating both from Southern and Eastern experts.

Frank Tucker and wife were here from Luling Thursday.

Oak Cliff game. A large delegation will go up from that place to witness the game.

HONORING GOMPERS.

[By United Press]
DENVER, Colo., Dec. 18.—40,000 union men and women of Colorado stood with heads bowed for one minute at the time of the funeral of Samuel Gompers, dead president of the American Federation of Labor, who was buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Tarrytown, N. Y. today (Thursday).

The tribute was included in an order contained in a proclamation issued by Earl H. Hoag, president of the state federation.

SO THEY EAT IT.

[By United Press]
COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 18.—Down town restaurants here have begun serving crossword puzzles with the dessert. Hostesses who developed the idea said it made a hit, especially with guests dining alone.

Mrs. R. A. Parker is in Dallas. She will be joined there by Mr. Parker the latter part of the week when they will meet their daughter Miss Dorothy who is returning from school at Ward-Belmont to spend the

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Mrs. R. B. Bass will go to Dallas Saturday morning to meet her daughter, Miss Miriam, who arrives in Dallas Sunday morning from Randolph-Macon Woman's college at Lynchburg, Virginia. They will arrive here Sunday where Miss Miriam will spend the holidays with her parents.

C. O. Johnson of Hutto, Texas was in the city Thursday.

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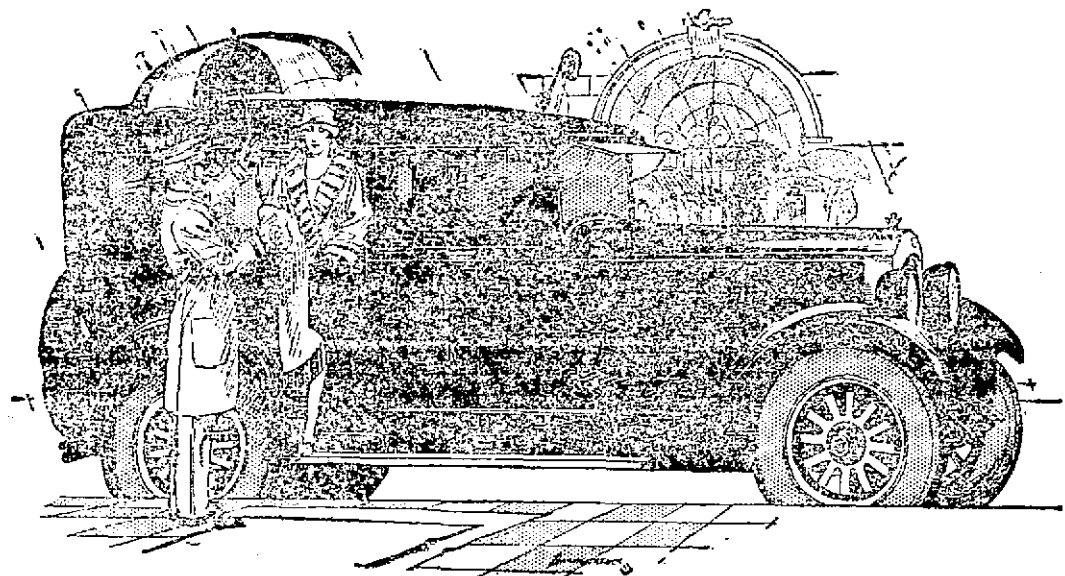


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(The Oil Weekly)

Convincing evidence that the Wortham field will shortly assume the role of being the largest source of production in the country was offered during the past week when two new completions added five thousand feet of productive territory, making the field practically proven for a stretch of about 15,000 feet. These two wells added 15,000 barrels of new production, and are the first completions made since the companion discovery wells were brought in late last month by the Humphreys-Boyd Oil Company. A fifth well is in process of completion and the present 23,000 barrels of production in the field will undoubtedly climb steadily until the flush is exhausted from the Woodbine sand pay.

The completion of the Penn well on the east edge of Wortham Saturday from the second Woodbine sand after testing dry in the regular pay has enhanced the possibilities of Wortham as a disturbing factor in the Mid-Continent crude market, and both crude and refined products reflected softer markets early this week. Until Wortham is drilled up, a raise in crude prices is not to be expected, and producers in other high gravity fields are again selling their crude as produced rather than to hold it in storage for a price advance. This practice is contributing to a softer crude market in North Texas, as many of the producers withdrew their crude from the market during November in expectation of higher prices, but the threat offered by Wortham has materially reduced the possibilities of an early crude advance. Premium offers made during the past week by independent refiners in North Texas for spot crude have been reduced from 10 to 15 cents per barrel, and sales fell off towards the close of the past week. Quotations on refined products have also softened since the outbreak at Wortham, and gasoline prices have been reduced from one-quarter to one-half cent per gallon on some grades. Most of the refiners are contracted over the balance of the year for their gaso-

Wilbert Robinson Is at Verge of Death



WILBERT ROBINSON

"Uncle" Wilbert Robinson, veteran manager of the Brooklyn club of the National League, is at the verge of death from pneumonia and complications at his home in Baltimore, Md.

line output, and are making concessions on deliveries for January.

Since the life of flush production of fields in the East Central Texas fault region is comparatively short, with wells flowing only about 30 days when drainage has set in, the major companies are bent on filling their tankage and lines in the Wortham field. Connections are being solicited by all seven of the major carriers, while independent buyers are invading the field for crude to be shipped out in tank cars.

Quite a large number attended the dance given at the Pure Oil Company Club House Wednesday night, many coming from neighboring towns. Bill Franklin's orchestra from Chicago were greatly appreciated. This orchestra will play in Groesbeck Saturday night at the opening of the new county Court House.

W. E. Plant of Waco was a business visitor Thursday.

Rev. J. W. W. Shuler, Presiding Elder from Vernon, Texas and father of Bob Shuler the well known evangelist, is in Mexia visiting his daughter Mrs. W. Duke Pittman on Kaufman Street. B. Boyles from Whitney, Texas is also the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Duke Pittman.

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Laton Stanberry, Chief Clerk of the Railroad Commission and his Secretary Miss Rose Modrall returned to Austin Wednesday night.

W. E. LaFon, manager of the Hurdleston Hotel has gone to Taylor, Texas for a few days on business.

J. R. Diamond was here from Corsicana Wednesday.

J. M. Zuber of Dallas was in the city Thursday.

H. B. Weatherby was here from Houston Thursday.

Harry Byers was here from Lufkin today.

F. F. Daugherty was here from Jacksonville Thursday.

Paul Mathews was a business visitor from Hutto, Texas Thursday.

S. P. Brown of Houston was here Thursday on business.

M. Lewis was here from Houston Wednesday.

J. N. Martin of Fort Worth was a business visitor today.

F. E. Davidson was here from Ranger today.

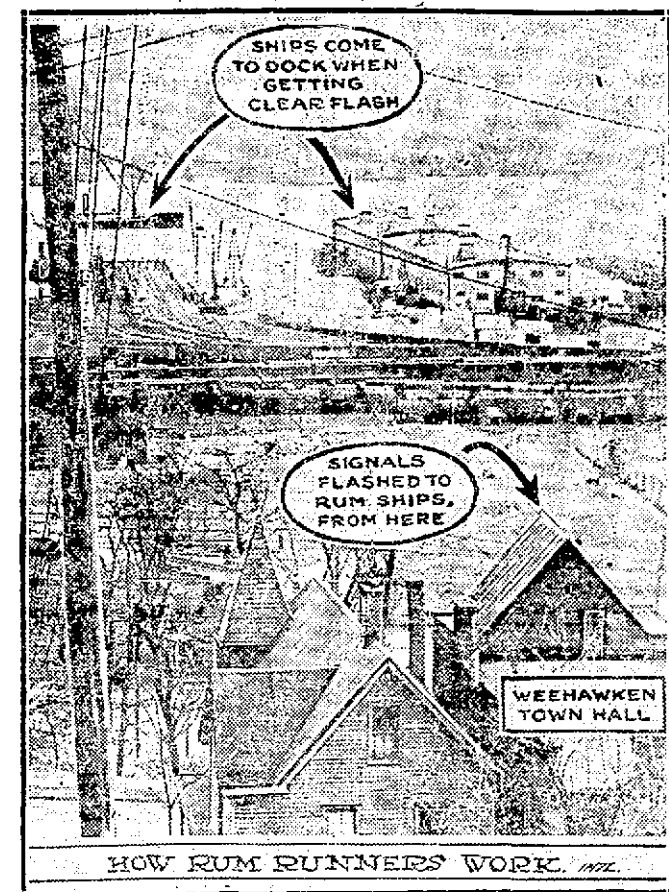
W. B. Muse was a business visitor from Dallas Thursday.

H. H. Bailey of Electra was in Mexia Wednesday.

M. W. Gray was here from Fort Worth Thursday.

J. C. Wynne is here from Wichita Falls.

GRAFTING POLICE SIGNAL RUM RUNNERS



Above is a photographic illustration showing how as much as \$50,000.00 worth of liquor has been illicitly landed at Weehawken, N. J., where grafting policemen are alleged to have worked hand-in-glove with the smugglers. At the right is the town hall of Weehawken, from the belfry of which a signal light was flashed when the police, with unusual daring, had actually cleared the streets of traffic so the liquor could be landed and transported in safety. The rum boats would then run to the docks shown and unload their cargoes. It is even alleged policemen aided in the actual unloading. Many indictments already have been returned.

J. Frank Hudson went to Dallas today for a few days visit.

S. E. Haddock was here from Wichita Falls Wednesday.

D. S. McFadden of Wichita Falls was a business visitor Thursday.

H. E. Roberts was here from Houston Thursday.

R. R. Porter was a business visitor from Austin Thursday.

J. J. Manning was a visitor from Palestine Tuesday.

F. M. Warren was here from Waco Tuesday.

W. E. Bryan was here from Big Lake today.

J. F. James was a visitor from Dallas Tuesday.

Harry Byers was here from Lufkin today.

Geo. Rose was a business visitor from Houston Monday.

W. H. Payne was here from Dallas Tuesday.

A. E. Watkins of Houston was here today.

C. C. Miller was a visitor from Houston Tuesday.

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BIG PULP WOOD OFFER.

[By United Press] WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 18.—Forty thousand square miles of pulp wood land in Manitoba will be sold to the highest bidder by the federal department of lands to encourage the development of the paper and pulp industry in Western Canada, according to an official announcement here. The timber limits which run along the east side of Lake

Winnipeg, constitute practically all the pulp wood in the province.

You wreck 'em; we get 'em. Palestine St. Garage. Phone 703.

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Everybody Must Help In Building a Good City.

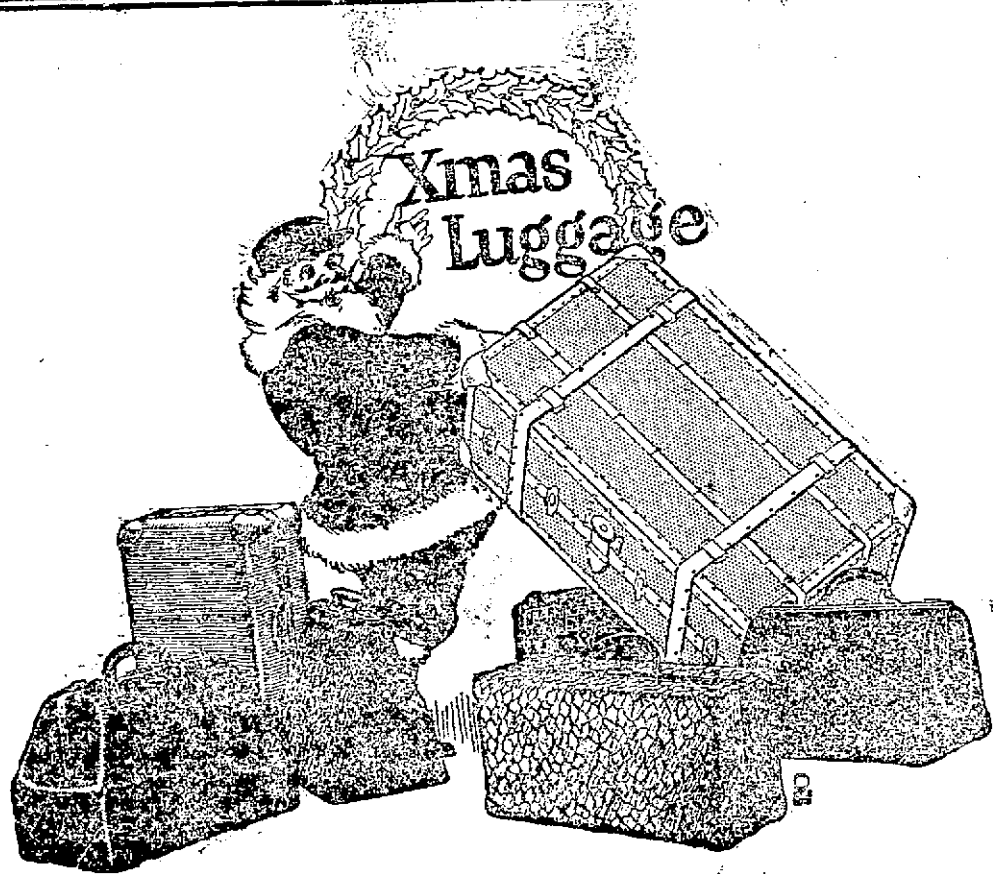
Some cities are built upon one class of resources and some are built upon other basic conditions.

But no good city can be built without the cooperation of its citizens.

And no good city can be maintained as a good city without the aid of the public utilities. The service of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is an essential factor in making this city a good place to live in and do business in.

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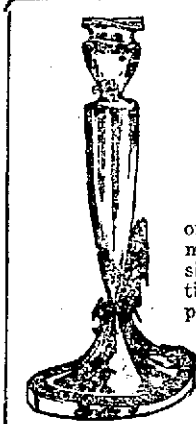
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A World Xmas Tree

(By Mrs. W. B. Landrum)

It is a pretty custom in some cities to have municipal Christmas trees. I remember one in Arkadelphia while I was in college; another on the grounds of the Capitol of Arkansas, flanked on either side by the Red Cross and the Cross of Christ; and a natural one at the Orphans' home there.

Suppose that it were possible for the entire world to celebrate Christmas by meeting around a large Christmas-tree? Can you imagine a world-wide Christmas tree? A tree of such beautiful symmetry, of such height, and so situated that from every country of the world people might gather and celebrate the birth day of Christ? Around this tree carols would be sung, and then the gifts would be distributed.

If such a tree were possible and you were asked to put gifts on it, what would be your gift to humanity?

If you had access to the shops of the world do you think that in them you would do your Christmas shopping in order that the gifts you made to humanity would be the most perfect gift, the gift that would satisfy the deep want of the world's heart? Ah no, for the artisan can not fashion anything, nor can the artist paint anything nor the genius create anything which would make the most perfect gift.

But come with me and I will take you to the place where the perfect gift may be sought. It is to be found between the covers of a book. A book that is the bread made of the old enchanted Arabian grain, the Sesame, which opens doors to the finest fiction, the highest dramatic effects, the sublimest poetry, the most instructive history, the purest philosophy, and the most persuasive oratory; revealing the relation of God to man, and man to his fellowman.

In this book then we will find our gifts to hang on the world's Christmas tree. And what are they: Faith, hope and love, (best boons to mortals given); sympathy, and temperance, truth, courage, justice, fidelity and kindness.

Our world Christmas tree should be decorated with certain bright stars that will scintillate and reflect the beauty of the Christmas spirit that shines brightest in the hearts of men at Christmas time. Edgar A. Guest has expressed this thought so beautifully in his poem, entitled, "At Christmas:"

"A man is at his finest towards the finish of the year,
He is almost what he should be when the Christmas season's here;
Then he's thinking more of others than he's thought the months before;
And the laughter of his children is a joy worth toiling for.
He is less a selfish creature than at any other time;
When the Christmas spirit rules his he comes close to the sublime.

When it's Christmas man is bigger and is better in his part;
He is keener for the service that is prompted by the heart,
All the petty thoughts and narrow seem to vanish for awhile
And the true reward he's seeking is the glory of a smile.
Then for others he is toiling and somehow it seems to me
That at Christmas he is almost what God wanted him to be.

Man is ever in a struggle and he's oft misunderstood;
There are days the worst that's in him is the master of the good,
But at Christmas kindness rules him and he puts himself aside
And his petty hates are vanished and his heart is open wide.
Oh, I don't know how to say it, but somehow it seems to me

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R. A. NICKERSON,
Treasurer.

That at Christmas man is almost what God sent him here to be." One of the stars we will find on our Christmas tree will be the star of Love. We celebrate Christmas because of the love for humanity in God's heart. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." As the people of the world gather around our Christmas tree there would be enkindled in each heart the spirit of love.

A second star would be the star of Gratitude. And I think that we would find that the star of gratitude would grow brighter as the happy hours passed and the gifts were distributed. And the lights on this star would twinkle and the gifts were distributed. And the lights on this star would twinkle more merrily as those who received a gift turn-

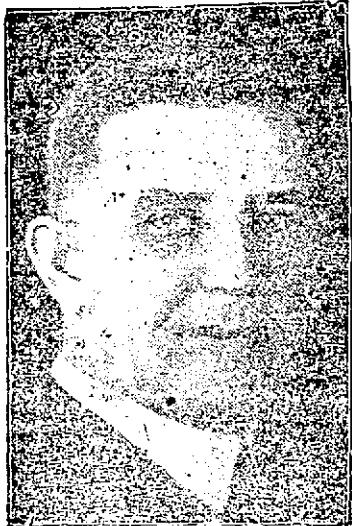
ed and shared it with another. "Generosity is always the companion of Gratitude." "The rosebud must unfold its petals, reveal its beauty, and exhale its fragrance if it would receive the dewdrops and the sunlight."

And then on the tipmost branch of the tree would shine with resplendent glory the star of Peace; and as the people of the world joined hands in a great fraternal ring of friendship to march around this tree I think we might hear again the words of the angel band as they sang at the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill to men."

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GOLD INTO hands less selfish

THAN THOSE of Mrs. Hughes

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A HEART more tender

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AHEAD DOING good deeds with

HER WEALTH and saying

NOTHING ABOUT it

YOU MIGHT give her all

THE MONEY in the world and

I THINK it would not spoil

HER

SHE IS loyal to home merchants

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IN CIVIC affairs

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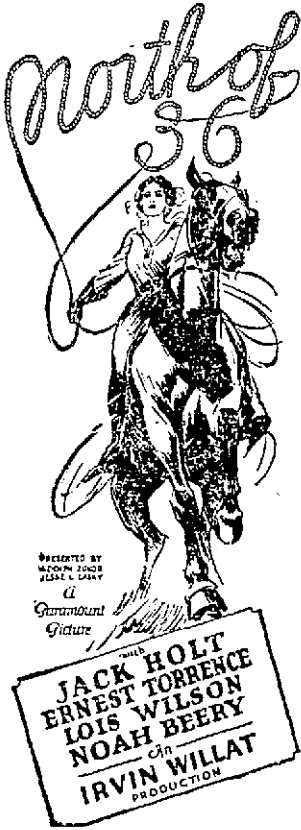
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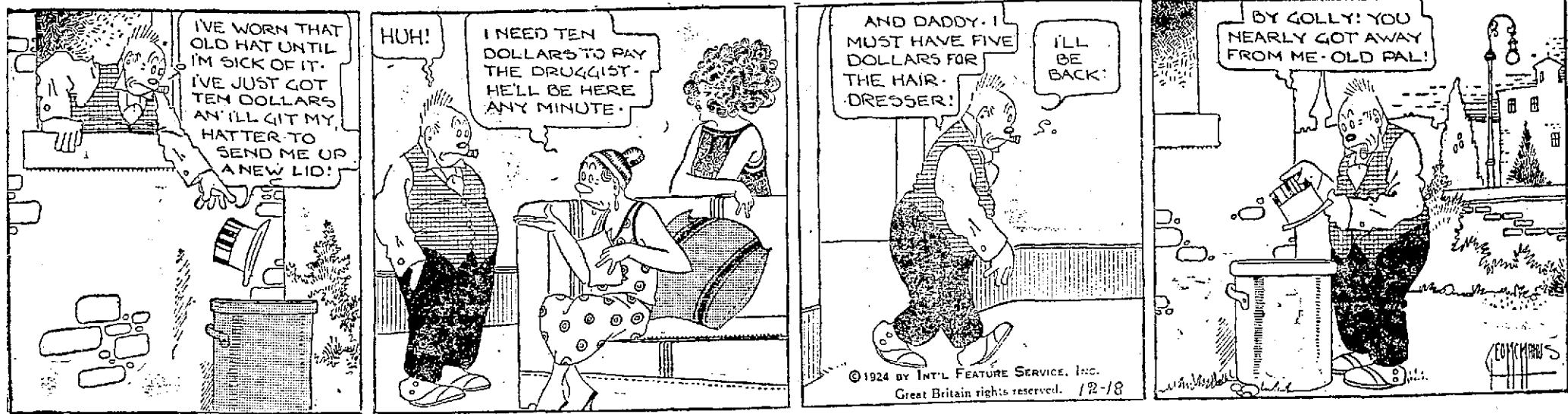
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FOR SALE—Filling station in Wortham, established business. Box 150, in care News. 17X2
FOR SALE—One large roller top office desk, cheap for cash. Apply Room 19 Ross & Green Bldg or Box 543. 1772
FOR SALE—16x50 cot tent with 21 steel coils all set up and everything furnished, all ready for business, or it can be easily moved, see at Young rooms, 207 S. Red River St. or phone 697W. 14X7

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WANTED—Girls, good clean healthy work. New Way Laundry, phone 399. 12X7
WANTED—Colored woman to cook, one who knows the duties of household work, references required, phone 98W, or call at 511 E. Hopkins. 11X6
WANTED—A first class solicitor, apply at American Dry Cleaners. 16X2
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FOR SALE—My home on McKinney Street, four acres of land, two acres front on R. R. will sell separate from home. See W. B. Jackson. 11X7
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Corsicana, heavy90
Mexico 1.25
Currie 1.25
Thrall 1.00
Ranger.
30 and below90
30 to 32.9 gravity 1.10
33 to 35.9 gravity 1.25
36 and above 1.35
Wichita and Archer Counties
30 and below75
30 to 32.9 gravity90
33 to 35.9 gravity 1.10
36 and above 1.25
Moran Crude.
30 and below75
33 to 35.9 gravity 1.10
South Texas
Mirando (Texpata)90
Mirando (Magnolia)75
Somerset.
25 gravity and above95
Below 25 gravity85
Gulf Coast.
Grade A 1.50
Grade A at Blue Ridge, Bull and Pierce Junction 1.25
Luling.
All gravities90
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Superintendent
Of Waco Schools
Praises Sumpter

Waco, Texas,
Dec. 9, 1924.

To the Pupils of the 6A Class,
Sumpter St. Grammar School,
Mexico, Texas.

My dear friends:

I was very glad to have your letter of December 5th, telling me so many interesting things about your school and your work.

I had the pleasure of visiting Mexico a few weeks ago and the superintendent gave me a copy of the Sumpter School News. I think you are doing a splendid piece of work in getting out such an excellent paper. It contained many interesting bits of news and I am sure that you have been greatly benefited by working out such a project as this.

I am glad also to find that you are doing such good work in your athletics this year. I think you will find this one of the most interesting and helpful features of your school work. In addition to the benefits you will get through the development of your bodies, you will be greatly benefited through learning to play games according to rules, through being obedient to officials and through learning to respect the rights of other people. I think this is fine training for future American citizens.

I hope some of you will find it convenient to visit Waco some day and, if you do, I should like for you to come to see me and to visit some of our schools. I am not sure, however, that we can show you any project quite as interesting as your newspaper.

Let me assure you again that I appreciate your writing to me and

that I wish for each of you the greatest possible success in all your undertakings.

Sincerely yours,
B. B. COBB,
Superintendent of Waco Schools

7B ENGLISH CLASS HAS
BIRTHDAY PROGRAM

The 7B English Class of Miss Mavis Ward, McKinney Street School gave the following program as exercises for the birthday of John Greenleaf Whittier, poet, born December 17, 1807.

1. The Life of Whittier by Ellen Speer, Jasper Easterling, William Broadnax, Dwan Walton, Sidney Johnston and Opal Broadnax.
2. "The Barefoot Boy" Gathright Henderson.
3. "In School Days" Billie Wilson.
4. "Barbara Fretchie" Parley Lain.
5. "Maud Muller" Ora Pearl Skeen.
6. A one act play entitled "Guests From Whittier Land" with the following characters in costume, taken from the four poems read by the different pupils as given:
Bessie, a school girl, Pauline Parker.

The Barefoot Boy, Thomas Mites. Maud Muller, Estelle McCraw. The School Girl, James Mires. The School Girl, Lorena Cox. Red Riding Hood, Helen Ward. Barbara Fretchie, Evelyn Knoff. Bessie, the school girl, expresses the wish to meet the characters in the poems she is reading. Fairies grant the wish. The characters enter in costume and talk in rhyme to Bessie.

Austin, Texas,
December 16, 1924.

7B Class,
Sumpter Street School,
Mexico, Texas.
Dear 7B Class:
Your letter of December 11th addressed to Mr. Wroe, Treasurer of

the Texas Public Health Association, has been referred to me. As Children's Secretary for this Association I am very much interested in your activities in the City of Health Land and would like to know more of the details in regard to your Modern Health Crusade. It would give me a great deal of pleasure to have such a wide awake bunch of crusaders compete for the silver loving cup, which is offered by the Texas Public Health Association to the school room in this state for the best record in the Crusade. If you are interested in trying to win this cup I should be glad to hear from the City Manager of Health Land and will be glad to send him (or her) the full information regarding this contest.

I am sure that your Christmas celebration will be lovely and I wish that I might have the privilege of attending it. I am sure that your Christmas will be happier because of the happiness your gifts to the Salvation Army Christmas box will bring.

With all good wishes, I am,
Sincerely yours,
PANSY NICHOLS,
Children's Secretary
Texas Public Health Association.

Only 24 Survivors
Of The Mexican
War Alive in U. S.

[By United Press]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Three full squads of nonagenarians are all that remain of the army which fought for the United States in the Mexican War, records of the pension bureau show. Their ranks are thinning rapidly, for a year ago there were 49 on the pension lists, but 25 have died.

James M. Holmes, Owensboro, Ky., a private in the Texas Rangers in the combat which ended 76 years ago, is the oldest of the scattered band of feeble veterans. He is 100 years old. The other survivors are: Amasa Clark, 99, Bandera, Tex., private in the Third Infantry. John Wedig, 99, Granite City, Ill., private in the First Dragoons. Thomas A. Kirk, 99, Milano, Tex., private First Texas Mounted Volunteers. Levi Flowers, 98, Pawnee, Okla., private Second Missouri Volunteers. Daniel Gonder, 98, Ripper, Ia.,

private Second Ohio Infantry. Oliver J. Stough, 96, San Diego, Calif., private Third Ohio Infantry. Robert Starkey, 96, Marshfield, Ore., seaman, U. S. Navy. Uriah Rose, 96, Thaxton, Va., private, First Virginia Infantry. William F. Buckner, 96, Paris, Mo., private Second Missouri Volunteers. Hugh Connor, 95, Floral Park, N. Y., private marine corps. William Corbin, 95, Sullivan, Ill., private First Illinois Foot Volunteers. Jacob M. Fleming, 95, Mt. Pleasant, Tex., private Third Tennessee Volunteers. Samuel Leffler, 95, St. Paul, Ind., private Fifth Indiana Infantry. Jesse Stonecipher, 94, Xenia, Ill., private Fifth Tennessee Infantry. Calvin E. Myers, 94, Livingston, Tenn., private Fourth Tennessee Infantry. George W. M. Meadows, 94, Checotah, Okla., private Third Kentucky Infantry. Uriah Gasaway, 94, Reelsville, Ind., private U. S. Mounted Riflemen. William J. Biggerstaff, 94, Lakewood, Calif., private Missouri Volunteers. Owen Thomas Edgar, 93, Wash-

ington, D. C., second-class boy, U. S. Navy. William Harman, 93, Washington, D. C., fifer, Seventh Infantry. Richard A. Howard, 93, Sterling City, Tex., private First Artillery. Thomas B. Ballard, 92, St. Joseph, Ky., private Fourth Kentucky Infantry. David Irvin, 91, Pilgrim, Tex., private Second Mississippi Infantry.

NEW BARTENDERS' DEGREE.

[By United Press]
BERLIN, Dec. 18.—German "Kultur" is extending its field and has discovered a new subject fit for school teaching. Berlin has started a "school for mixers" which bears the pompous name of "mixing school of the international bar masters in the Geneva association unique and first professional school on the continent." A final examination will submit candidates to most complicated trials of ability, imaginative powers and taste. It is not yet certain whether this new school will grant an academic degree to this new set of men "called to the bar."

STATE SPORT TABS.

DALLAS—Clarence Eklund meets

Ivan Pontonoff, Russian grappler, in straight falls here tonight.

GEORGETOWN—Bruce Duncan, Llano, has been elected captain of Southwestern University 1925 football squad.

FORT WORTH—Texas Christian University and the Stickle Lumber quintette, play a scheduled conference game here tonight.

FLU AND PNEUMONIA
RAISE DEATH RATE

[By United Press]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Influenza and pneumonia is mainly responsible for the jump of the death rate of 1924, which mounted to fifty more per hundred thousand population in death registration area than the previous year, the Department of Commerce announced.

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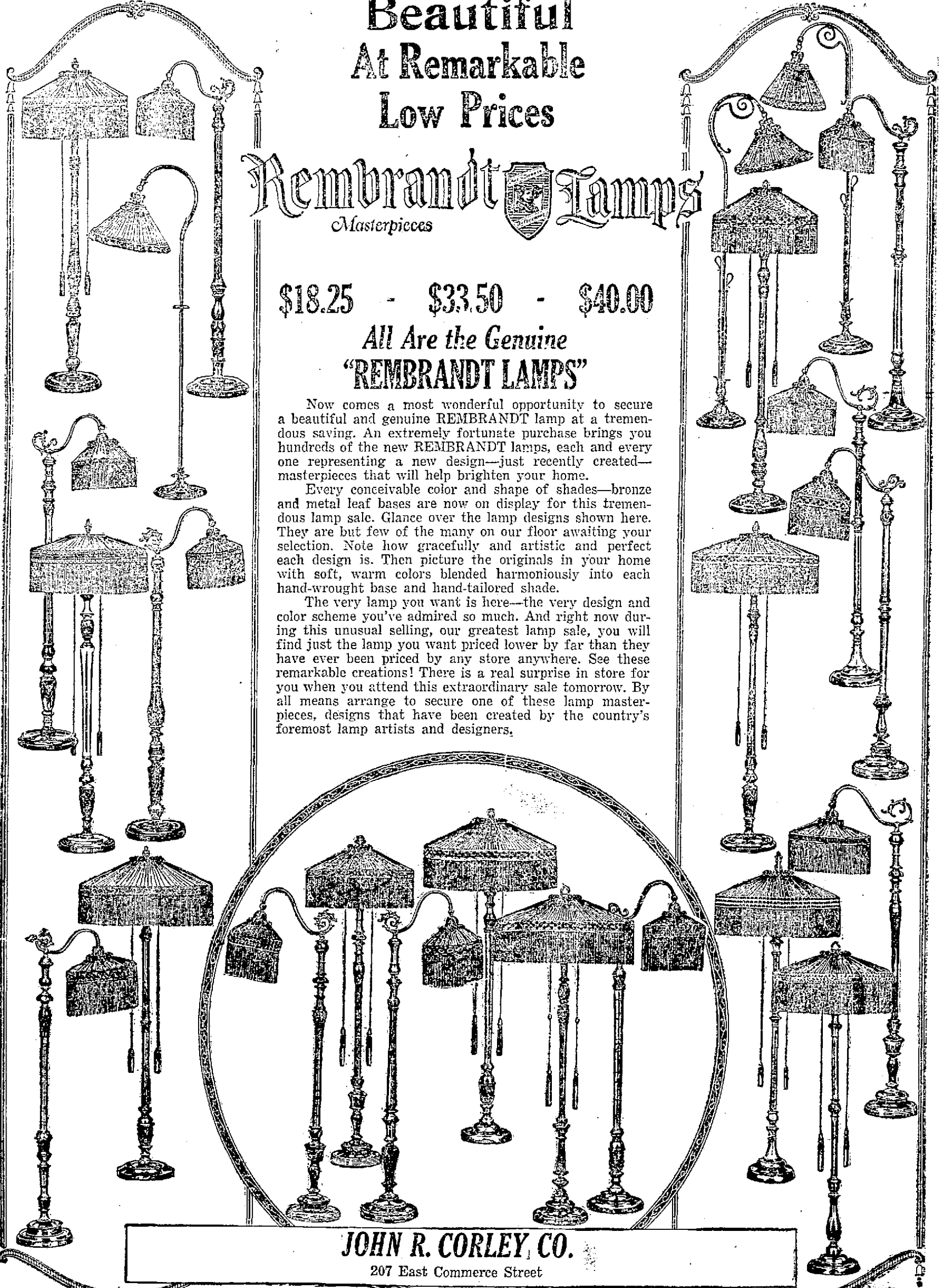
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MEN AND WOMEN IN THE NEWS OF THE DAY



Above: MRS. COLIN O'MORE & MRS. CALVIN COOLIDGE.
Below: PRINCESS KETTO MIKELANDZ & C.A. STONEHAM.

Charles A. Stoneham, owner of the New York Giants, lost a legal point when Federal Judge A. N. Hand, in New York City, ruled that he must answer creditors' charge that he was a partner in the bankrupt brokerage firm of E. M. Fuller & Co. Princess Ketto Mikelandz, Russian exile, is about to break a 500 year record for idleness in the Ariston family, of which she is a member, by working for a living on the New York stage. Mrs. Colin O'More, of New York City, known in private life as Mrs. Madeline E. Hornberger, has sued for divorce and \$75 a week alimony from the San Carlos Opera Company tenor, Mrs. Calvin Coolidge has been awarded the honorary degree of doctor of laws by Boston University.

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